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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Greenville, Mercer County, Pa., September 27th to October 2d, 1893.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met, pursuant to resolution taken at its last meeting, *in General Convention*, on Wednesday Evening, September 27, 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., in Zion's Reformed Church, Greenville, Mercer County, Pa., and was opened with divine services. The opening sermon was, in the absence of the retiring president and by his appointment, preached by the Rev. S. T. Wagner, of Monroe, Clarion County, Pa., from the text, "For their rock is not as our Rock; even our enemies themselves being judges." Deut. xxxii: 31.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers Present: Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., A. E. Truxal, D. D., W. H. Bates, C. R. Ferner, C. M. Hartzel, J. H. Mickley, D. N. Dittmar, C. W. Summey, J. N. Naly, L. Cort, J. McConnell, D. A. Souders,² J. F. Snyder,³ I. N. Burger,^{3, 10} Lic. Takeo Noya.⁴ *Absent:* Revs. J. N. Bauman, J. M. Evans,¹⁴ J. Grant,¹⁴ P. H. Dietzel.

Elders: James P. Kegg, D. E. Albert, S. B. Fisher, G. N. Smith, Jacob Brinker,⁹ R. S. Jamison,³ S. C. Remsberg,³ P. S. Baer,³ S. F. Baker,⁴ S. P. Zimmerman.⁶

Charges not represented by Elders: Emanuel, Brush Creek, Salem, Scottdale, Grace (Jeanette), Salina, Pine Run.

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers Present : Revs. J. F. Wiant, S. T. Wagner, D. B. Lady, D. D., C. Gumbert, J. J. Wagoner, S. S. Miller,¹¹ D. W. Kerr, R. F. Gass,³ R. E. Crum.⁴ *Absent* : Revs. R. C. Bowling, W. C. Houpt, J. G. Shoemaker.¹⁴

Elders : John Reiter, Peter Klingler,¹¹ Philip Bittenbender, W. G. King, Ed. Whitling,¹¹ Wm Eisenhart,² Henry Hoch.³

Charges not represented by Elders : Kittanning, DuBois, St. Petersburg, Plum Creek, Tionesta.

III. St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers Present : Revs. J. M. Schick, D. D., T. S. Land, A. M. Keifer, J. H. Apple, D. D.,¹² G. E. Limbert, J. D. Thomas,^{1.7} U. O. H. Kerschner.¹ *Absent* : Rev. F. Emmer.

Elders : John Laver,¹³ Josiah Kern, John Fox,⁸ Levi Bortz⁶ Thomas Derr,¹ Edward Denniston, Clark McElroy,^{1.8} J. H. Twitmyer, M. D.,^{1.13}

Charge not represented by an Elder : Sharon.

IV. Somerset Classis.

Ministers Present : Revs. H. King,¹² A. J. Heller, Prof. W. Rupp, D. D., S. C. Long, L. T. Lampe,¹¹ E. S. Hassler, D. H. Leader,^{2.9} A. S. Glessner,^{3.13} A. C. Snyder.⁴ *Absent* : Revs. B. Knepper, A. R. Kremer, D. D., A. G. Gekeler.

Elders : C. W. Truxal, W. G. Knepper, C. J. Otto.^{2.7}

Charges not represented by Elders : Wellersburg, Somerset, Berlin, Zion, Frostburg, Stoyestown, Will's Creek, Cumberland, New Centreville, Wilhelm.

V. Allegheny Classis.

Ministers Present : Revs. H. D. Darbaker, J. H. Prugh, D. D.,¹³ P. C. Prugh, D. D.,¹³ D. N. Harnish,¹³ H. S. Garner, A. M. Schmidt,⁹ A. K. Kline, E. H. Otting,^{2.13} H. E. Snyder,¹ C. Knepper.⁴ *Absent* : Revs. M. F. Frank, J. S. Freeman, D. G. Klein, J. Kovacs.

Elders : T. A. Giles,⁹ Jos. Rumbaugh,¹⁰ J. D. Daubenspeck,⁹ J. M. Conroy,³ J. W. Kaltenbach.³

Charges not represented by Elders : Trinity (Wilkinsburg), Grace (Harmony), Calvary, Bethany, St. Luke's, St. Mark's.

Advisory Members.

From Eastern Synod, Lancaster Classis.—Rev. Prof. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., President Theological Seminary. *Philadelphia.*—Rev. Charles G. Fisher, D. D., Publisher of Church Periodicals, etc.

From Ohio Synod, Tiffin Classis.—Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President Literary Department Heidelberg University.

From Potomac Synod, Carlisle Classis.—Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary Board of Foreign Missions.

From Interior Synod, Iowa Classis.—Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Superintendent Board of Missions of General Synod.

Elders.—C. M. Boush, W. R. Barnhart, John Baker, Reuben Aldenderfer, Charles Snyder, John Perkins, Peter Reichard.

Ministers of Other Churches.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Revs. Prof. G. R. Titzel, J. McKee, J. A. Kunkelman, D. D., W. M. Rehrig, Ph. D., C. A. Fetzer.

Methodist Episcopal Church, James Morrow, D. D., Secretary Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. B. Wakefield, Ph. D.

NOTE.—¹ Appeared Thursday morning. ² Appeared Thursday afternoon. ³ Appeared Friday morning. ⁴ Appeared Saturday morning. ⁵ Appeared Monday morning. ⁶ Occupied seat of Thomas Derr Primarius at several sessions. ⁷ Was excused on Friday afternoon. ⁸ Excused after Saturday morning. ⁹ Excused after Saturday afternoon. ¹⁰ Excused from Saturday afternoon. ¹¹ Excused from and after Monday morning. ¹² Excused after Monday afternoon. ¹³ Excused from Monday evening session. ¹⁴ Excused from attendance by vote of Synod.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., of Greensburg, Pa., was chosen *President*.

Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., of Curlsville, Pa., *Vice President*.

Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., of Greenville, Pa., *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., *Corres. Secretary*.

Elder R. S. Jamison, of Greensburg, Pa., *Treasurer*.

On Wednesday evening the President and Vice President being both absent, Rev. S. S. Miller, of St. Petersburg, was chosen President pro tem., and conducted the election of President.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the rules of order was dispensed with.

- The first five rows of chairs in the lecture room of the church were designated as the Bar of the House.

The session hours adopted by Synod were as follows: To meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., and at 2 o'clock, P. M., and to adjourn at 11:30 o'clock, A. M., and at 4:30 o'clock, P. M.

These hours were observed except that on Saturday and Monday afternoons, Synod met at 1:30 o'clock, and on Monday morning at 8 o'clock. The time for adjournment was extended to 5:20 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, on Friday afternoon and Monday morning fifteen minutes after the hour. A business session was also held on Monday evening from 7 to 9:50 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President at the opening of Thursday's session, immediately after the completed organization, appointed the following standing committees:

On Religious Services.—Revs. A. M. Keifer, J. N. Naly, G. E. Limbert, Elders James P. Kegg and Levi Bortz.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. H. King, C. Gumbert, A. K. Kline, Elders John Fox and John Reiter.

On Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. D., U. O. H. Kerschner, J. H. Apple, D. D., Elders Dr. J. H. Twitmyer, Clark McElroy.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., S. C. Long, J. J. Wagoner, Elders T. A. Giles, S. B. Fisher.

Overtures.—Revs. C. R. Ferner, S. T. Wagner, E. S. Hassler, Elders Peter Klingler and W. G. Knepper.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Lucian Cort, Wm. Rupp, D. D., C. W. Summey, Elders W. G. King and C. W. Truxal.

State of the Church.—Revs. S. S. Miller, T. S. Land, C. M. Hartzell, Elders D. E. Albert and Josiah Kern.

Missions.—Revs. D. N. Dittmar, Jos. H. Apple, D. D., P. C. Prugh, D. D., J. D. Daubenspeck and E. Denniston.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. F. Wiant, A. M. Schmidt, J. H. Mickley, Elders C. W. Truxal and Jos. Rumbaugh.

On Institutions of Learning.—Revs. D. A. Souders, H. S. Garner, John McConnell, Elders J. Brinker and Edw. Whitling.

Education.—Revs. W. H. Bates, D. N. Harnish, L. T. Lampe, Elders G. N. Smith and Philip Bittenbender.

Publication.—Revs. H. D. Darbaker, D. W. Kerr, H. King, Elders John Laver and T. A. Giles.

Finance.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., P. C. Prugh, D. D., C. M. Hartzell, Elders John Fox and Peter Klingler.

Nominations.—Revs. A. J. Heller, L. Cort, Wm. Rupp, D. D., Elders D. E. Albert and Philip Bittenbender.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. S. C. Long, A. M. Schmidt, C. W. Summey, Elders J. H. Twitmyer, M. D., and John Reiter.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of the General Synod, of Pittsburgh Synod and of the Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committees.
2. The reports of the several Boards of Synod were read and referred to the proper committees.
3. Twenty other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotional services.

The Committee on Religious Services reported at various times, and the report, as finally adopted, is as follows:

To Pittsburgh Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Religious Services report as follows:

Thursday Evening.—Sunday School Anniversary.

Services conducted by Rev. E. S. Hassler.

- Addresses :—*1. "The Plan of Sunday School Work," Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.
2. "The Place of the Sunday School in the Church," Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Offerings for the local Sunday School work.

Friday Evening.

Centennial Meeting in Laird's Opera House, to be conducted by Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

- Addresses :—*1. "The Reformed Church in the Reformation," Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D.
2. "The Doctrine of the German branch of the Reformed Church," Rev. Prof. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D.
3. "The benefits to be derived from our Centennial Celebration," Rev. A. J. Heller.

Saturday 1:30 P. M.

Preparatory services conducted by Revs. D. A. Souders and D. N. Harnish.

Saturday Evening.

Services conducted by Rev. C. R. Ferner.

- Addresses :—*1. "The Church Paper," Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.
2. "Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows," Rev. S. S. Miller.
3. "Orphans' Home," Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D.

Offerings for relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows.

Sunday 9:30.—Sunday School.

Addresses by Elders J. M. Conroy, C. M. Boush, W. R. Barnhart.

Sunday 11 A. M.—Holy Communion.

Conducted by Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., D. B. Lady, D. D.
Sermon by Rev. Prof. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D.

Offerings for the Benevolent Work of the Church.

Sunday Evening.—Missions.

Services conducted by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.

*Addresses :—*1. Foreign Missions, Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.
2. Home Missions, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.

Offerings to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Other Churches.

St. Mark's Reformed Church at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. C. R. Ferner.

St. John's Reformed Church at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. C. Gumbert.

Jerusalem Reformed Church at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. E. S. Hassler.

United Presbyterian Church, Greenville, Pa., 11 A. M., Rev. T. S. Land; 7 P. M., Rev. R. E. Crum.

Presbyterian Church, Greenville, Pa., 7:30 P. M., Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Baptist Church, Greenville, Pa., 11 A. M., Rev. R. F. Gass; 7:30 P. M., Rev. D. N. Harnish.

A. M. KEIFER, J. N. NALY,
GEO. E. LIMBERT, LEVI BORTZ.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

a. Minutes of General Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod reported on Friday morning, as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod would respectfully report:

Item 1, page 22. General Synod refers Pittsburgh Synod's overture to General Synod's Sunday School Board to furnish Sunday School literature with the lessons arranged according to the church year to said board with instructions, if deemed expedient to grant the request.

Item 2, page 126. General Synod urges the several Synods to increase their contributions to Foreign Missions, so as to yield not less than \$35,000 per year for the next three years.

Item 3, page 163. District Synods are directed to make a record of the vote of each Classis on the adoption of the Constitution.

Item 4, page 209. General Synod apportions to the Pittsburgh Synod \$500 for Contingent Fund.

Item 5, page 209. Synod apportions to the Pittsburgh Synod \$2600 for Foreign Missions.

Item 6, page 227. General Synod will hold its triennial meeting in Trinity Reformed church at Dayton, Ohio, May 27, A. D. 1896.

P. C. PRUGH,

JOS. H. APPLE, U. O. H. KERSCHNER,

J. H. TWITMYER, C. S. McELROY.

This report was, on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, considered by items as follows :

Items 1, 2, 3, 6 were adopted.

Item 4 was adopted and referred to Finance Committee for apportionment.

Item 5 was adopted and referred to Finance Committee to make tentative apportionment.

And the report as a whole was adopted.

b. Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod reported on Thursday afternoon as follows :

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Minutes of last year show the following items of business claiming your attention, viz. :

Item 1, page 5. A Committee on Ministerial Necrology was appointed.

Item 2, page 12. Allegheny Classis was directed to receive the papers of Rev. John Kovacs, and to require him to sign the Constitutional Formula.

Item 3, page 36. Pastors were, through the Classes, directed to preach sermons on Home and Foreign Missions.

Item 4, page 37. Pastors were, through the Classes, directed to make efforts to organize Women's Missionary Societies, if practical, in all their congregations.

Item 5, page 37. Pastors were, through the Classes, directed to lift at least one collection during the year, for Foreign Missions.

Item 6, page 37. Pastors and consistories were, through the classes, directed to make the utmost efforts to pay, promptly, assessments for Home Missions and Church Extension.

Item 7, page 47. The Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary \$75.00 at his earliest convenience.

Item 8, pages 47, 48. Synod insisted that the interest earned by the Endowment Fund should be set to its Professorship Fund, and directed the Trustees from this Synod to press the point upon the whole Board.

Item 9, page 49. The clerk was directed to transmit to the Eastern Synod a certified transcript of the action by which the Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., was elected to fill Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship in the Seminary.

Item 10, page 49. The Endowment Committee was urged to complete its canvass during the year, and directed to enter into negotiations with the Trustees of the Seminary looking toward securing some credit on Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship Fund out of moneys received from the Wilhelm Estate.

Item 11, page 50. The officers of Synod were directed to make out a call to Rev. Dr. Wm. Rupp, after they receive notice of his election by the Eastern Synod.

Item 12, page 50. The Endowment Committee was directed to notify the professor-elect when it reasonably expects the endowment to be very nearly completed, and to make arrangements for his inauguration.

Item 13, page 51. Synod demanded that the Finance Committee of the Endowment Fund report in conjunction with the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund each year.

Item 14, page 64. The clerk was directed to publish the Minutes of Synod.

Item 15, page 65. The classes were directed to instruct pastors and consistories to bring the publications of the Reformed Church Publication House to the favorable knowledge of our people, and to make efforts to largely increase the circulation thereof.

Item 16, page 72. Terms of members of the several Boards expire as follows:

Trustee of Synod, Elder C. M. Boush; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., T. S. Land, H. S. Garner, Elder M. E. Lowe; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. J. F. Wiant, J. M. Schick, D. D.; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. J. F. Snyder; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. D.

H. Leader ; *Sunday School Board*, Rev. E. S. Hassler ; *Publication Board*, Elder C. M. Boush ; *Synodical Editor of Messenger*, Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.

Item 17, page 74. A committee was appointed to arrange the Centennial Celebration of the Church's Independence.

Item 18, page 74. The classes were directed to hold Centennial Conventions or to have the event discussed from every pulpit.

Item 19, page 77. The Classes were directed to bring the Relief Society to the attention of all the ministers, instructing them to take a special collection in every congregation for the use of the Society.

Item 20, page 77. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of Synod to Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

Item 21, page 79. The clerk was instructed to convey the thanks of Synod to the railroad companies for the favor of reduced rates to the delegates attending Synod.

Item 22, page 79. The Synod adjourned to meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Greenville, Pa., on Wednesday, September 27, 1893, at 7:30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM KING,
C. GUMBERT, A. K. KLINE,
JOHN FOX, JOHN REITER.

This report was on Thursday afternoon considered by items as follows:

Item 1. The committee reported, and the report adopted (see Art. XXI., Ministerial Necrology).

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, were found attended to.

Item 8. The report of Treasurer of Theological Seminary showed that the credit had been allowed.

Items 10, 12, 13. The committees reported and reports were adopted (see Art. XIV., Theological Seminary).

Item 11. Attended to and the call issued November 1, 1892 (see Art. XIV., Theological Seminary).

Item 16. Was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 17. The committee reported and report adopted (see Art. XXIII., Miscellaneous).

Item 22 was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported on Thursday afternoon as follows:

To the Rev. Synod of Pittsburgh:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully reports that we have examined the Minutes of the various Classes and find the following as claiming your attention:

Irregularities.

Item 1. Allegheny Classis opened its special meeting March 6, 1893, by singing from Gospel Hymns.

Item 2. Clarion and Somerset Classes did not furnish a roll of members and statistical tables in the minutes.

Requests.

Item 3. An appeal from Rev. W. H. Bates from the action of Westmoreland Classis concerning a matter of request from him.

Item 4—Receptions and Dismissions.

Allegheny Classis dismissed Rev. S. C. Long to Somerset Classis, and Rev. E. S. Hassler to Somerset Classis. Received Rev. A. K. Kline from Virginia Classis, Synod of Potomac, and Rev. John Kovacs, of the Reformed Church of Hungary. His ordination and dismission papers from the Danube district having been translated and found in order, he signed the prescribed constitutional formula of Classis and his name was enrolled.

Clarion Classis dismissed Rev. W. D. Lefevre to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. B. S. Metzgar to Miami Classis, Ohio Synod. Mr. D. W. Kerr was examined and licensed to preach the gospel.

Westmoreland Classis dismissed Rev. N. H. Skyles to Virginia Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. F. E. Lauffer to East Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio. Mr. J. N. Naly was examined, licensed and ordained to the Holy Ministry. Received Licentiate S. H. Dietzel from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry. Licentiate Takeo Noya, from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. J. M. Evans, from Somerset Classis.

Somerset Classis dismissed Rev. A. G. Gekeler to Indiana Classis,

Synod of the Northwest; Rev. John M. Evans to Westmoreland Classis. Received Rev. S. C. Long from Allegheny Classis, Rev. D. H. Leader from St. Paul's Classis, Rev. Edgar S. Hassler from Allegheny Classis. Licentiate L. T. Lampe, from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry, and Rev. A. S. Glessner, from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod.

St. Paul's Classis dismissed Rev. D. H. Leader to Somerset Classis; received Rev. Frederick Emmer from Erie Classis, Central Synod; Licentiate George E. Limbert from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry.

Item 5—Place and Time of Next Annual Meetings.

St. Paul's Classis, Jerusalem Church, Shenango Charge, first Thursday in June, 1894, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. M. Keifer, *President*; Rev. Dr. John M. Schick, *Stated Clerk*.

Somerset Classis, St. Paul's Church, Wilhelm Charge, Wednesday, May 16, 1894, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. Dr. Wm. Rupp, *President*; Rev. A. J. Heller, *Stated Clerk*.

Clarion Classis, Zion's Church, Curlsville Charge, Thursday, May 17, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. R. F. Gass, *President*; Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk*.

Allegheny Classis, Grace Church, Harmony, May 21, 1894, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. Dr. John H. Prugh, *President*; Rev. D. N. Harnish, *Stated Clerk*.

Westmoreland Classis, 1st Church, Greensburg, May 16, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. C. W. Summey, *President*; Rev. J. F. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRUGH,	S. C. LONG,
J. J. WAGONER,	T. A. GILES.

This report was, on Thursday afternoon, considered by items as follows:

Item 1 was adopted and the attention of Allegheny Classis called to Article 140 of the Constitution.

Items 2, 3, 5 and 6 were severally adopted.

Item 4 was referred to committee raised by Item 3 of the report of Committee on Overtures (for report as adopted see Article XVIII, Appeals and Complaints).

The report as a whole was also adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported at various times as follows :
To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN : Your Committee on Overtures would respectfully present the following items for your consideration :

Item 1. A communication from the Eastern Synod, informing this Synod of the election of the nominee of Pittsburgh Synod, for the Chair of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 2. A letter from Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., stating his acceptance of the Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 3. A complaint of the Consistory of St. John's Reformed Church at Johnstown, Pa., against certain action of Westmoreland Classis.

Item 4. An appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates from decision of Westmoreland Classis.

Item 5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board.

Item 6. The Report of the Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary.

Item 7. The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 8. Two copies of "Sealed Unto Christ" from the author, Rev. A. M. Schmidt, with his compliments.

Item 9. A book entitled "Heaven" from the author, Rev. R. C. Zartman, with his compliments.

Item 10. Catalogue of Allentown College for Women.

Item 11. A letter from Rev. J. S. Freeman asking to be excused from attendance at this Synod.

Item 12. A letter from Rev. J. G. Shoemaker asking to be excused from attendance at this Synod.

Item 13. A communication from Dr. S. G. Wagner, enclosing report of the committee charged with the duty of securing the changes in charters of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., according to the instructions of the three Eastern Synods.

Item 14. A copy of "Our Marriage Service," presented by Dr. Charles G. Fisher with compliments.

Item 15. Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, including the Treasurer's report.

Item 16. Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows.

Item 17. A copy of Annual Register of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Item 18. A communication from the Executive Committee of General Synod's Sunday-school Board.

Item 19. A Communication from Rev. James Grant, setting forth his needs and asking to be excused from the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. FERNER, S. T. WAGNER,
E. S. HASSLER, W. G. KNEPPER.

This report was considered by items, as they were reported, as follows:

Item 1. The item was adopted, and the paper, on motion, put on record (see Art. XIV., Theological Seminary).

Item 2 was referred to the Endowment Committee (see Art. XIV., Theological Seminary).

Items 3 and 4 were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. J. Heller, T. S. Land and Elder J. H. Twitmyer, M. D., to examine the papers whether they be in order, and, if in order, to report an order of hearing (for report see Art. XVIII., Appeals and Complaints).

Item 5. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Publication (see Art. XIX., Publication).

Items 6 and 15. The reports were severally read and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary (see Art. XIV., Theological Seminary).

Item 7. Read and referred to Committee on Missions (see Art. XIII., Missions).

Items 8, 9 and 14 referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Dr. P. C. Prugh, H. S. Garner, U. O. H. Kerschner and Elders Josiah Kern and S. B. Fisher (for report see Art. XIX., Publication).

Items 10 and 17 were referred to Committee on Institutions of Learning.

Item 11. It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That, inasmuch as the brother gave no reason for his absence, he be referred to Allegheny Classis.

Item 12. The item was referred to a special committee, Revs. A. K. Kline, S. T. Wagner and Elder C. J. Otto, which subsequently reported, and report adopted (see Art. XXIII., Miscellaneous).

Item 13 was divided and the communication referred to Committee on Theological Seminary, and the changes in charters to Committee on Institutions of Learning.

Item 16. Report read and referred to committee consisting of Revs. D. H. Leader, E. H. Otting and Elder J. M. Conroy (for report see Art. XXIII., Miscellaneous).

Item 18 referred to special committee on Report of Sunday-school Board (for report see Art. XVI., Sunday-schools).

Item 19. The brother was excused.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

On Saturday morning Licentiate Takeo Noya made application for ordination by Synod, and he was referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, which reported on Monday morning, and the report adopted, as follows, viz. :

Your committee beg leave to report that the Licentiate Takeo Noya, a graduate of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., made application for ordination to labor as a foreign missionary, but, not having a commission from the Board of Foreign Missions, your committee do not see the way open for his ordination until the requisite commission of the Board be obtained, we therefore recommend that he be referred and recommended to said Board.

LUCIAN CORT,
WILLIAM RUPP, C. W. SUMMEY,
C. W. TRUXAL, W. G. KING.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported on Monday evening and the report adopted as follows:

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on the State of the Church begs leave to submit the following report:

It is meet and right that we should, first of all, acknowledge our thankfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ, the great head of His Church, for the great goodness He has shown to us during the year just passed. The health of our pastors and people has, for the most part, been precious in His sight. Nearly all our pastors have been enabled to perform their duties during the year, without any interruption on account of health. We are reminded, however, of the necessity of being faithful to our appointed calling, and diligent in the work of the Lord, while it is day with us, and the night has not yet come wherein we can no longer work, from the fact that one of our number has, during the year, been called upon to cease from his labors, and is now at home, at rest forever with the Lord. Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, an active and faithful servant of the church, has been translated from the church militant below, to the church triumphant above, there to receive that crown of glory which the Lord has promised to all His faithful servants. Another of our brethren has been called upon recently to pass under the chastening hand of the Lord, in the removal from his side, by death, of a devoted and beloved wife. May the Lord sanctify this affliction, of His hand, to our beloved brother, and help him to realize that these light afflictions of His hand, which are but for a moment, are intended to work out in us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

We glean from the various reports that the work of our faithful pastors has been eminently prospered during the year. Progress is reported in all lines of Christian activity. New congregations have been organized and old ones have been strengthened, or have grown more active in the work of the church. The membership has been increased. An increased number of children have been presented to the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; and by the sacred rite of confirmation have a greater number than the year previous been admitted into the full privileges of the church. Pastoral visitation and catechetical instruction, two most effective agencies in Christian nurture, have been faithfully attended to by our pastors. The benevolence of our people also is growing; not so rapidly, perhaps, as some might wish, but still with a healthy, vigorous growth. Liberal contributions have been given, as heretofore, to the fund for the endowment of Synod's Chair of Practical Theology in the Seminary at Lancaster, so that now the full amount of thirty

thousand dollars is about covered by cash and pledges, and yet the other benevolent objects of the church have not suffered, but rather has the amount contributed to these various benevolent objects been increased.

It is gratifying to report that two classical Sunday-school Associations have been organized during the year, viz: Westmoreland Classis and Allegheny Classis, which, with the one organized in St. Paul's Classis the year before, and one previously existing in Somerset Classis, now makes four of our Classes, all but one, organized for more effective carrying forward of our Sunday-school work. The importance of the unification of the Sunday-school work of our Synod, in order that our Sunday-schools may be brought into full accord with the life and spirit of our church, can hardly be overestimated. The Saviour, shortly before His Ascension to the right hand of the Father, gave to His disciples the command, "Feed my Lambs," and it is incumbent upon us as a church to see that our children, not only in the catechetical class, but also in the Sunday-school, be brought up and nurtured in that peculiar form of church life which is our endowment from the hand of God Himself.

The inauguration, by this Synod, of the Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., to the new chair of Practical Theology in the Seminary at Lancaster, and the adoption of the amended charter, by which this Synod acquires new rights and privileges in the government and control of the institutions at Lancaster, marks another forward movement in the history of the Synod. We may now feel that we have a College and Seminary which belong to us, at least in part, and for whose spiritual and material welfare we are under obligations to make provision.

It is with pleasure that we note a growing interest on the part of our people in the cause of missions. The command of Christ, "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is meeting with more hearty and ready response in the hearts of our people than ever before.

Praying that the Great Head of the Church may prosper our work in the future, and make us ready and willing to enter into whatsoever door He may open for us, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

THOS S. LAND,	C. M. HARTZELL,
D. E. ALBERT,	JOSIAH KERN.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

I. Report of the Board of Missions of Pittsburgh Synod.

The Board of Missions of Pittsburgh Synod reported on Friday afternoon, and the report referred to Committee on Missions, as follows:

To the Rev Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN.—Your Board of Home Missions respectfully reports:

That we have held three meetings during the past year. One for organization, at the close of your last meeting, and two in connection of your present meeting.

Being only advisory to the Board of General Synod, your Board was not in position to enable it to accomplish much in the way of definite work in the past year.

We have, however, rendered what assistance we could to the General Board, in the way of suggestion and advice for the advancement of the work of missions within your bounds. During the year two of the missions in this Synod have become vacant, namely Jeanette and Turtle Creek. After a full and careful consideration of the requirements of these fields, we are glad to be able to report that steps have been taken with the advice and consent of Superintendent of Missions, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., looking to the appointment of missionaries to these places at an early day.

The work among the Hungarians appears to be moving forward with reasonable progress, and, as far as we know, in a satisfactory manner.

The term of Rev. D. H. Leader, as a member of this Board, expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted and approved by the Board,

D. H. LEADER, *Chairman.*

II.—Report of the Superintendent of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

The Superintendent of Missions reported on Friday morning, and the report referred to the Committee on Missions, as follows:

To the English Synods.

BRETHREN :—From the fact that a full report was rendered by the Board to the late General Synod at Reading, and widely distributed throughout the Church, it was not deemed necessary to issue a report at this time for general distribution, but only to present a general review of the work for the year past.

We have many reasons for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for His abundant mercy toward us in the general missionary work of the Church. The past year has witnessed the fruit of the unification movement, and it must be admitted by all who have noticed the results, that they have been all that the most hopeful could have predicted. At the beginning of the year we had but entered upon the work in this united form, and there were then those who still believed that it would have been best to allow the different Synods to carry on the work as they had been doing for years before. But more than a year has elapsed since the new order of things was inaugurated, and the results have been most satisfactory. We can but rejoice as we look back over the year's work. Not only has God blessed our labors, but we may claim, most justly, for those under the Board, a year of faithful and diligent service. God blesses those only in the labors of His vineyard, who are faithful in the discharge of their duties. This being the test, we may believe that as a general thing our missionaries have been faithful to their trust, as their labors abundantly prove. As in other years, the Board was not in a position to answer all the calls made upon it. The work might be very greatly extended, had the Board the means at hand. So far the Board has had less difficulty in getting men than means. We deem it a hopeful sign for the Church that men are more willing to offer themselves for the Mission work.

Self-Supporting.

The past year has witnessed a determination on the part of quite a number of Missions to become independent of the Board by providing for their own support. This is as it should be, although with a number of these fields it was a severe struggle to do so. There is a tendency on the part of some fields to seek aid from the Board when they might be self-sustaining, so that we feel the more like giving praise to those that are determined to support themselves and allow the Board to take up other points. Liberty Center, O. ; Scottdale,

Pa. ; Salem, Ore. ; Stafford, Ore. ; Timberville, Va. ; West Rowan, N. C. ; and Williamsport, Pa., have passed off the roll of the Board during the year. Other fields are very near the line of self-support, and we confidently expect them to become independent of the Board in the near future.

New Fields.

Of these a larger number were added during the year than the number that became self-supporting. When the last Annual Report was offered, arrangements had been made for the enrollment of several fields. Including these, the following is a list of those enrolled during the year: Athens, Mich. ; Massillon, O. ; Apollo, Pa. ; Grove City, Pa. ; Chicago, Ill. ; Columbus Junction, Ia. ; Tyrone, Pa. ; Harrisburg, Pa. ; West Philadelphia and Philadelphia, Pa. Of these, Philadelphia, Pa. ; Grove City, Pa. ; and Massillon, O., do not go into operation until October 1, 1893, although they are now regularly entered upon the rolls of the Board. In addition to these new fields that have been enrolled, many calls came to the Board asking that other points be taken up. Gladly would the Board give heed to all these calls, but to do so is simply impossible. Youngstown, Ohio, has often been brought to the notice of the Board as an important point, but the lack of funds has made its enrollment impossible thus far. It is, however, next on the list for enrollment among the large cities.

The Hungarian Work.

At the date of writing this report, the two missionaries, Jurany and Kovacs only, are in this important field. These good brethren have been carrying forward this work with much zeal and success. The former has purchased a lot in Cleveland, and is going forward with the erection of the church edifice. During the year this brother organized a new congregation in Toledo, Ohio. Brother Kovacs has organized congregations at different points, and has been greatly extending his work. But it may seem strange to the Synods that the third man has not been called into the field. He has been called, but from the fact that some persons not authorized have taken it upon themselves to correspond with parties in Hungary with regard to an additional missionary, the work has been retarded rather than otherwise. It may be, however, that by the time this report reaches the Synods the additional missionary will be in the field. It affords

us pleasure to state that through the good offices of Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Mr. Hanna, of that city, has given \$500 toward the increase of this good work. Might not others do the same?

The Board, in order that it may receive the support it deserves, asks that the sum of \$2,500 be apportioned upon the Synods for this work for the ensuing year, as follows:

Eastern Synod,	\$1,000
Potomac "	300
Ohio "	250
Central "	200
Northwestern Synod,	300
Pittsburgh Synod,	275
German Synod of East,	100
Interior Synod,	75
Total,	<u>\$2,500</u>

With this sum, it is believed the work can be carried forward through the year, including the expenses of the third missionary.

Church Extension.

Much has been said upon the importance of this arm of the work. But its importance is not yet fully appreciated by our Church, much as has been written upon it. Four funds of \$500 each have been obtained during the year for this work. These were special funds. Other moneys have been received from the apportionments. During the year a church property was purchased in St. Joseph, Mo., at a cost of \$4,750, and a lot in Columbus, O., at a cost of \$3,300. Several payments were also made on lots purchased during the previous year. To accomplish this, the Board was compelled to borrow some funds, so that the actual indebtedness at this time is \$2,750. But in order to meet payments in the near future, it may be necessary to borrow additional moneys. But as an offset to this debt we might state that very little of the apportionments made in the spring have come in as yet, which when received will be applied on this debt. There are a few bequests for this cause which will be received soon, which can also be applied to the liquidation of the debt. But the Board cannot assist any other fields until this indebtedness is canceled. The Synods will do well to urge their membership to liberal giving for the cause of Church Extension. There certainly is no other object more worthy, and none that will help so much to extend

the Church. This cause should be presented to the people as especially worthy of their donations and bequests.

The Needs of the Board.

On September 1st Treasurer Reber reported the outlook for the October payments rather discouraging. No less than \$8,500 will be needed on October 1st for the payment of the missionaries. From appearances at this writing that sum will hardly be at hand when needed. This shortage is caused, doubtless, by the financial stringency, and the fact also that many of our pastors have been absent from their charges during the greater part of the quarter. Some may blame the Board for enrolling so many Missions during the year. Could the Board have foreseen the financial crash that has come upon the country, a less number would doubtless have been enrolled. But they are now on our roll. To strike them off would be wrong. The best we can do is to fulfill our contract with them. In order to do this it is necessary for the Church to stand by the Board. Times are hard, we are told—true, and for that very reason it is a bad time for the Board to be involved in a debt. The Board needs every cent that has been promised to Missions, Hungarian Missions, Church Extension and Harbor Missions. If the Church fails to provide these funds the Board must fail to meet its obligations. For the year commencing April 1st, 1894, the Board must have at least \$40,000 for Missions direct. There are those who may say that this sum is too large; that no such appropriations should have been made. This may be, but the subordinate Boards insisted that their Missions be enrolled, and the Board was almost forced to enroll them. In several instances the intimation came to the Board that if it did not enroll certain Missions, funds would be withheld and they would be supported by the subordinate Boards. The Synods will observe under what stress the Board is placed at times. It is always glad to enroll Missions when possible—and now let the Church stand manfully by it so that it can meet its obligations.

Funds Needed.

For the ensuing year the Board needs the sum of \$40,000 for Missions direct. When the Missions are fully manned that sum will be required. The Executive Committee, at its meeting in Pittsburgh on July 11th, made careful estimates of the sums needed, and re-

requested that the following apportionments be made for the year from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895 :

Eastern Synod,	\$17,000
Potomac "	9,000
Ohio "	8,000
Pittsburgh "	4,500
Interior "	1,500
Total	<u>\$40,000</u>

Considering the increase of membership, these are but little larger than were asked of these Synods in past years.

In addition to the above the General Board makes the earnest request that the small sum of *five cents* per member be apportioned for the Cause of Church Extension. While these apportionments may seem large in the aggregate, yet we find that all these combined (not including Harbor Missions), do not reach quite *thirty-one* cents per member. This is certainly a small sum for a member of the church to pay toward so noble a cause as Home Missions.

Additional Funds.

Funds, additional to the apportionments, have been gathered during the year, generally under the name of the 1000, 5's fund. Much of this was used for Church Extension, but a goodly share of it went for the regular work. In this way was made up the deficiency in the apportionments. The same will be continued through the year to come. The superintendents will find much hard work before them in looking up the deficiencies in the apportionments and in gathering additional funds. This is seemingly necessary during the money stringency. We ask that the Synods give all possible encouragement to the gathering of these additional funds. If this matter is seen to at the proper time, the Board and the Church will be saved the annoyance of an ugly debt.

Miscellaneous.

The Synods will notice that the officers of the Board are Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary; Elder J. T. Reber, Treasurer, and Elder C. M. Boush, Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.

We are glad to state that the Missions are all supplied with earnest

pastors, with two exceptions, and these two have prospects of getting pastors at an early date.

We are gratified to be able to state that all our missionaries are paid up in full to July 1, 1893.

Special Notice.

The Eastern Synod and the Potomac Synod are hereby notified that the time for which Superintendent Whitmer was elected will expire on December 31, 1893, and are requested to nominate his successor according to the terms of the plan of unification.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent.*

III. Communication from the Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

Under Item 7 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, the following was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions begs most respectfully to call the attention of your Reverend Body to the grand successes and encouraging prospects, as also to the urgent wants and embarrassing limitations of foreign work. In view of the very full presentation of all these interests recently made in our Triennial Report to General Synod, a copy of which has been sent to each of our pastors, it is not deemed necessary to repeat them here, but simply to refer you to that report. Since the rendering of that report, our two schools in Sendai have been in vacation, and no important intelligence has reached us, except the sad fact of the critical illness of our dear brother, Rev. D. B. Schneder, who at last accounts was still very sick of typhoid fever. But happily, the belief was that the indications were favorable to his recovery. We are pained to have to say that his associates in the field attribute his illness largely to over work. The Board has frequently apprised the Church that for the want of adequate financial means we were compelled to expose our faithful missionaries to this wrongful exaction. And up to the present time the inadequacy of our means has not been relieved by a larger response of the home

Church. Dear brethren, shall we sacrifice the health, and possibly the lives, of our beloved brethren in Japan, when the means for their relief would be readily available if self-denying effort were employed by those of us who are at home?

We would further bespeak your careful attention, and earnestly solicit the necessary responsive action on your part, to the action of the late General Synod, in the interest of our Mission work. This action was prompted by a spirit of profound gratitude to God, for the surprising blessings and success with which He had crowned our work in Japan, as also the painful conviction that our Church was not responding in the measure in which He had given her the ability. It therefore solemnly resolved that an advance should be made in the amount of her contributions, that she might do her part in answer to the leadings of divine Providence. The resolution fixed the sum needed at \$35,000 per year for the next three years. It also indicated the amount necessary from each District Synod to secure the sum. This was done not as a direct authoritative apportionment, but rather as a *tentative* measure, indicating how much each Synod *ought* to raise, leaving it to each to devise its own methods for securing it. The distribution of the sum needed was as follows :

Eastern Synod	\$15,000
Ohio Synod	3,300
Synod of the Northwest	3,200
Pittsburgh Synod	2,600
German Synod of the East	2,500
Central Synod	3,100
Interior Synod	200

We are well aware that there are other and urgent claims upon the benevolence of our Church, but we submit that our Church has not been responding in a just measure of her ability. Observation and experience have demonstrated that our people are not as slow to advance in their benevolent contributions as perhaps some of our ministers have considered them; and that to an intelligent, instructive and earnest presentation of the claims of Foreign Mission our people will respond, in addition to their other gifts.

We beg to suggest the adoption of such methods as will bring the subject home to each and every congregation. Let something effective be done, that the full amount designated for you by General

Synod may be raised. For the methods heretofore employed have shown themselves sadly inadequate to the necessities of the case.

With the prayer for the divine blessing upon you in your deliberations, and in your persons, I am

Your Brother in Christ,

S. N. CALLENDER,

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 24, 1893. *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions reported on Monday afternoon and the report was considered by items. The items were severally adopted, and the report, as a whole, was adopted and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Committee on Missions respectfully offer the following report :

There have come into our hands the following papers :

1. The annual report of the General Board of Missions.
2. The report of Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Home Missions.
3. A letter from the Secretary of Foreign Missions.

From the first of these papers we learn that our missionary work has been in very successful operation during the past year. The General Board seems well satisfied with the new regime, and, if the first year's working is a fair test of merit, the Church is to be congratulated on the consummation of the unification plan.

During the year six of our Missions have declared themselves self-supporting, and the heroism of thus doing on the part of the missionaries and their people deserves honorable mention here. They are Liberty Center, O. ; Salem and Stafford, Ore. ; Timberville, Va. ; West Rowan, N. C. ; and Scottdale and Williamsport, Pa.

We rejoice to note that the Board, though somewhat reluctant lest the corresponding demand upon the Church should seem too great, felt constrained by their earnest demands and justified by signs of enlarging interest in the work of Missions to place ten new Missions on the roll. It is also gratifying to know that more men than formerly are available for this work, and the want for missionaries is no longer the hindrance to this branch of the Church work that it once was.

The Board asks that of the \$40,000 needed for the coming year, \$4,500 be assumed by this Synod, and also that five cents per member additional be assessed upon the congregations for Church Extension.

From the second of these papers we learn that Pittsburgh Synod's Board has faithfully prosecuted its appointed labors, keeping watch over the Missions within our bounds, and counseling with the General Board concerning their needs. Also, that two of these Missions, Turtle Creek and Jeanette, are now without missionaries; but that there is prospect that these vacancies will soon be filled.

From both these papers we learn that our Hungarian work is being prosecuted with praiseworthy diligence, and that it is expected that the third missionary will soon be in the field to aid in the enlarging work.

The Board asks that of the \$2,500 needed for the work \$275 shall be assumed by this Synod.

From the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions we learn of the "surprising" success of our foreign work, and of the increasing needs for more help in this part of the Vineyard of the Lord—the very success of the work creating the demand for more work. We learn with pain of the stress upon our brethren there, emphasized, now, as it is, by the critical sickness of Brother D. B. Schneder, of which the letter with great sorrow informs us.

The Board begs that the Synod assume \$2,600 of the \$35,000 so imperatively needed for the coming year.

With reference to these various interests, your committee recommends the following resolutions for your adoption:

Resolved 1, That in grateful return for the trust reposed in us by our Heavenly Father, in committing into our hands such great work, we do here now consecrate ourselves, and on occasion shall call upon our people to consecrate themselves to the prompt and faithful fulfillment of this trust.

Resolved 2, That to this end, all our pastors be directed through the Classes to preach at least one sermon during the year on Home and one on Foreign Missions in each of their congregations, and that with their consistories and their Missionary Societies they make every possible endeavor to meet the demands made upon us by our Heavenly Father through this Synod.

Resolved 3, That this Synod apportion among the several Classes separately the sum of \$4,500 for Home Missions, \$2,600 for Foreign Missions and \$275 for work among the Hungarians, and that it earnestly entreats the congregations, through the Classes, to contribute at least five cents per member to Church Extension.

Resolved 4, That it is with extreme sorrow that we learn of the critical sickness of our Missionary Brother Schneder and pray God that if it be His will He may speedily restore him to his accustomed health and strength.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. DITTMAR, EDWARD DENNISTON,
P. C. PRUGH, JOS. H. APPLE.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Under Item 6 of the Report of the Committee on Overtures, on Thursday morning, the report of the Board of Visitors was read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

RESPECTED BRETHREN: According to instructions the undersigned presents to your honorable body the following as the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the year 1892-93.

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1892, the following young men were admitted as students into the Junior Class: Almon G. Baker, Frederick William Bald, J. Calvin Bolger, Harry W. Bright, Harvey J. Crow, William D. Happel, Theodore F. Hermann, Hiram J. Hillegass, John C. Horning, Thomas H. Krick, Lewis P. Krome, Elmer E. H. Leinbach, F. J. Emil Muehe, Elmer S. Noll, Eugene P. Skyles, Howard H. Spohn, Gerny Weber and Harry W. Wissler; eighteen in number.

Of these twelve are regular College graduates; seven in Franklin and Marshall College, two in Heidelberg University, one in Calvin College, one in Bethany College, and one in Baltimore City College. Of the remainder, two are graduates of State Normal Schools, one from the Keystone Normal School, who had not pursued the full course of study, one from Mercersburg College, one from Palatinate College, and one from the Franklin and Marshall Academy at Lancaster.

Two new students were admitted to the Middle Class: Mr. James Riley Bergey, regularly dismissed from the Theological Department of Ursinus College, and Mr. Anselm V. Hiester, a graduate of

Franklin and Marshall College, and a student of Union Seminary, New York City. Mr. Christopher Noss was dismissed to Union Theological Seminary, with the intention however of returning and pursuing the studies of the Senior Year at Lancaster; and Mr. John W. Buck, at the instance of the Faculty and the Board, suspended his theological studies in the Seminary for the present, with the view of pursuing a preparatory course of studies for a period of two years in Palatinate College at Myerstown, Pa. With these changes the Middle Class consists of the same number of students as reported to the Synod one year ago, twenty-three in all.

The Senior Class was enlarged by the addition of one new member, Mr. Carl F. Dewitz, who presented a regular dismissal from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. The members of this class, twenty-three in number, having completed the course of studies prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were regularly dismissed at the end of the Seminary year, and were awarded the usual testimonials to that effect, at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Charles C. Clark, Carl F. Dewitz, Samuel H. Dietzel, George A. Dreibelbies, Lawrence S. Faust, David H. Fouse, Bruce Griffith, J. Philip Harner, David Milton Jones, David W. Kerr, Lewis T. Lampe, William Henry Landis, George E. Limbert, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer Skyles May, Eugene L. McLean, Benjamin M. Moyer, John N. Naly, Takeo Noya, James M. Runkle, Alfred M. Schaffner, William C. Sykes and William B. Werner.

Thus there were sixty-four students connected with the institution during the year 1892-93, four more than during last year, and a gratifying increase over all previous years. The examinations, written and oral, were satisfactory; the professors endeavored to discharge their responsible duties according to the best of their abilities; and as it regards the Christian conduct and the industry of the students in the prosecution of their studies, there is no room for complaint. As reported last year, they were active in Sunday-school and Mission work, and the more advanced students, in preaching the gospel in different places as supplies for vacant pulpits, as far as their duties in the Seminary would allow. It is a matter of regret that several of the students were under the necessity of absenting themselves from the Seminary during part of their time, for the

purpose of supplementing their financial means by teaching school. The church ought to supply them with the means by which they may be enabled to continue their studies during the year without interruption.

The Board again recommends that the services of the teacher of elocution, which have been as satisfactory during the last as during previous years, be continued for another year. In that event it will be necessary that arrangements should be made by the three Synods to pay the salary of the teacher, \$75 by the Synod of Pittsburgh, \$75 by the Synod of the Potomac and \$100 by the Eastern Synod.

The new building for the use of the Seminary is in process of erection, and when completed will present a fine appearance. Providence permitting, it will be finished, dedicated and in use during the coming year. The success of this movement thus far has been a matter of surprise, as it was feared that the churches would not respond by contributing the funds needed for the purpose. Thus far they have done better than was expected. For the want of funds, however, the foundations of the Library Hall, which is to be an annex to the main building, have not been laid; but it is earnestly hoped that there will be no delay in putting up this building also. It is an object which commends itself to the liberality of our members generally, and more especially to the attention of such as are wealthy. It challenges all alike to come forward with their gifts to assist in completing the noble structure whose corner-stone was laid last June at the commencement of the College.

Following the example of the Class of 1892 in establishing a Prize Essay in Sacred Rhetoric, the Class of 1893, with the approval of the Board and the Faculty, volunteered to create a fund of at least five hundred dollars, "the interest of which to be awarded to that member of the Middle Class who upon being examined before three judges shall by them be pronounced the best Hebrew Scholar and Old Testament Exegete." The Prize is to be called "The Centennial Class Prize in Hebrew."

In conclusion, the Board, which endeavored to discharge its duties in the supervision of the Seminary, would say, with some degree of emphasis, that the increasing prosperity of our Seminary and other institutions at Lancaster is truly a matter which should call forth devout gratitude to Almighty God in all our churches and among all our members for His blessings upon the work of our

hands. Founded in great weakness, yet with the prayer of faith, they are becoming more prosperous and fruitful with each revolving year. But with our increasing facilities for the supply of our vacant charges and our enlarging missionary fields with ministers of the Gospel, all alike should be encouraged and be prompted to engage with new energy in the work of extending the Kingdom of God among men.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL.

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 25, 1893.

II. Report of the Board of Trustees.

Under Item 15 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, on Friday afternoon, were presented and read the reports of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary and of the Treasurer of the Seminary, and they were referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, as follows:

HARRISBURG, Sept. 26, 1893.

To the Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave further to report that the Board of Trustees held three meetings during the year. The first one was held on January 25, 1893, at the American House, Lancaster, Pa.

An appropriate announcement of the death of Geo. W. Hensel, President, was made by Jacob Heyser, Pr. and P. T., and proper action was taken.

The Building Committee appointed by Synod reported that it had purchased the grounds for the site of the new Seminary buildings for \$10,875, and the action of the Building Committee was ratified and approved.

The second meeting was held on May 11, 1893, in the First Church, Lancaster, Pa.

The following officers were then elected: *President*, Geo. H. Forney; *Vice President*, John D. Skiles; *Secretary*, G. Z. Kunkel; *Treasurer*, John B. Roth.

Rev. A. E. Truxal appeared before the Board, in behalf of the Endowment Committee of Pittsburgh Synod, to call attention to its claim for interest on funds in the hands of the Board. As there was an evident misapprehension of Pittsburgh Synod of the action of the

Board, the Secretary was instructed to furnish the Rev. Truxal a copy of the action of the Board of September 22, 1892, to present to Pittsburgh Synod.

J. W. Bickel, of Norristown, appeared before the Board, in behalf of a committee from the Eastern Synod, and presented the amendments to the charter of the Theological Seminary. The same was approved, and the President and Secretary directed to seal the same with the common and corporate seal, and execute all necessary instruments to secure the said amendments to the charter of this corporation.

The third meeting was held on September 22, 1893, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. The committee appointed to have the amendments to the charter approved by the Court reported they had done so, and received said approval.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Mr. John L. Reigel, of Reigelsville, Pa., containing four notes of \$3,920 each, falling due respectively on the 30th of July, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, without interest, in all \$15,680, the interest of said fund to be devoted to the contingent expenses of the Seminary Building at Lancaster, Pa.

The Board accepted the generous gift, and directed the letter to be entered on the minutes; and also the letter and resolutions passed by the Board, a copy of which letter was sent to Mr. Reigel.

The fund is to be known as the "J. L. Reigel Fund."

In regard to the Centennial offerings, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to hand over the "Centennial offerings" in the General Fund to the Building Fund, if not otherwise designated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
Secretary.

III. Treasurer's Report.

Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

1892.	DR.	
Sept. 22.	For amount of ENDOWMENT FUND as per account rendered	
	Sept. 22, 1892	\$83,191.26
Sept. 22.	BUILDING FUND transferred as per order of Sem. Board .	12,920.62
Dec. 22.	Legacy received from Elizabeth Wagoner, of Landisburg,	
	Perry county, per Jos. C. Wagoner, executor	422.07

1893.

March 24.	Received of St. John's Reformed congregation of Shamokin, Pa., C. C. Leader, Treasurer	\$250.00
May 8.	Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis	171.45
July 14.	Jacob Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, the one-third net income of the Wilhelm estate to June, 1893	844.74
July 14.	C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis, as a Centennial offering from First Reformed Church, of York, Pa.	53.06
July 25.	Rev. Geo. G. Everhart, of Shepherdstown charge, a Centennial offering	8.00
		<u>\$97,861.20</u>

1892.

CR.

Sept. 22.	By bond of Mrs. Anna Eyerman, not collectable	\$1,000.00
Sept. 22.	By bond of St. John's Reformed congregation, Shamokin, returned	1,000.00
Sept. 22.	By amount transferred from ENDOWMENT FUND to credit of PITTSBURGH PROFESSORSHIP FUND	1,353.08
		<u>\$3,353.08</u>
Sept. 22, 1893		<u>\$94,508.12</u>

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1892.

DR.

Sept. 22.	For amount balance due to date	\$268.80
1893.		
Sept. 22.	For sundry interest and income received to date, including AID FUND	5,417.97
		<u>\$5,686.77</u>

1893.

CR.

Sept. 22.	By salaries and sundry bills paid as per vouchers	\$6,012.01
	By amount drawn down due TREASURER, September 22, 1893	5,686.77
		<u>\$325.24</u>

LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT.

Principal is \$1,819.96

1892.

DR.

Sept. 22.	For amount balance due Library	\$125.93
Sept. 22.	For interest received to September 22, 1893	65.99
		<u>\$191.92</u>

1893.

CR.

Sept. 22.	By sundry bills paid	91.86
	Due LIBRARY FUND	<u>\$100.06</u>

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT.

	Principal is	\$5,000.00
1893.	DR.	
	For sundry interest received to October 1, 1893 . .	\$275.00
	CR.	
Sept. 22.	By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer of Beneficiary Board	275.00

THE WILLIAM A. WILT FUND \$833.33
Interest on same accounted for in current expense account of Seminary to
September 22, 1893.

PITTSBURGH PROFESSORSHIP FUND ACCOUNT.

1892.		
Sept. 22.	For principal of Fund as per account	\$2,735.75
	For interest allowed on same to October 1, 1893	134.36
	For interest allowed on \$1,718.30 from October 1, 1877, to October 1, 1892, at 5 per cent. as per action of Seminary Board had September 22, 1892	1,288.65
	Interest on \$1,288.65 from October 1, 1892, to October 1, 1893	64.43
1893.		
Oct. 1.	Amount of Pittsburgh Professorship Fund	\$4,223.19

PRIZE ESSAY FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

	Principal of Fund is	\$2,000.75
1893.	DR.	
Sept. 22.	For interest due fund to October 1, 1893	\$175.00
1893.	CR.	
May 2.	By amount paid George A. Dreibelbies as per award of Com. <i>Gold</i>	\$100.00
	By cash paid E. V. Gerhart, D. D.	1.00
1893.		\$101.00
Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund	\$74.00

PRIZE FUND IN SACRED RHETORIC.

1893.		
May 8.	Received of W. M. Irvine as Principal	\$90.00
May 8.	Received of same as a prize for Class of 1892	\$15.00
	Interest on Fund to October 1, 1893	1.91
		\$16.91
1893.	CR.	
May 11.	By amount paid A. V. Hiester Class Prize of 1892	15.00
	Due Fund, October 1, 1893	\$1.91

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1892.		DR.					
Sept.	26.	For amount rec'd of Schuylkill Classis	Elocution				\$13.00
Oct.	11.	" " " " W. Susq.	" "				6.00
Oct.	12.	" " " " E. Susq.	" "				5.15
1893.							
Jan.	18.	" " " " Lehigh	" "				14.00
May	2.	" " " " Goshenhoppen	" "				11.00
May	5.	" " " " E. Penna.	" "				24.00
May	18.	" " " " Philadelphia	" "				3.00
June	13.	" " " " E. Susq.	" "				3.10
July	10.	" " " " Tohickon	" "				10.00
Sept.	6.	" " " " Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher of					
		Trinity Reformed Church, Strawberry Ridge					
		charge					1.70
1893.							
Sept.	9.	Charged to Treasurer in Current Expense account					
		of Theological Seminary					\$90.95

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BUILDING FUND.

1893.		CR.					
Sept.	15.	For amount received from John J. Nissley, Treas-					
		urer of Eastern Synod to date					\$23,339.13
1893.							
Sept.	15.	By amount paid as per orders of J. C. Bowman, D.					
		D., Chairman of Building Committee					23,235.45
		Balance in hand					\$103.68

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,

LANCASTER, September 22, 1893.

S. N. HENCH.

IV. Notice of Dr. Wm. Rupp's Election to the Chair of Practical Theology by Eastern Synod.

On Thursday morning, under Item 1 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, the following was received, and on motion recorded, viz. :

To the Synod of Pittsburgh of the Reformed Church in the United States :

DEAR BRETHREN : The nominee of the Pittsburgh Synod for the Chair of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancas-

ter, Pa., has been duly elected by the Eastern Synod and a call sent to Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., with the sincere prayer that he may be enabled to accept the same.

In case he accepts it will devolve on the Pittsburgh Synod to make arrangements necessary for his proper installation into the duties that shall devolve upon him in his new capacity.

By order of Synod,

SAMUEL G. WAGNER, *President*,

JOHN P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

V. Letter of Acceptance.

Under Item 11 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod the officers reported that, having received the above communication, they, on November 1, 1892, issued the call to Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D. To this call the following letter of acceptance was received and brought to the notice of Synod under Item 2 of the Committee on Overtures, and referred to the Endowment Committee, viz. :

To the Rev. Robert C. Bowling, President of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

DEAR BROTHER: After mature and earnest deliberation, I have concluded to accept your call to the Professorship of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

This conclusion has not been reached without much hesitation and doubt. I am deeply impressed with the solemn responsibility of the position to which I am called, especially at this difficult and critical period in the history of Christianity, and I venture to assume this responsibility only in deference to the judgment and voice of the Synod so unanimously expressed in their vote, and in reliance upon the Divine direction and aid.

I will be ready to assume the duties of the office at such time as the Synod of Pittsburgh, through its Committee, or otherwise, shall direct.

Trusting that I shall always enjoy the support and sympathy of the members of the Synod, which you represent, I remain

Yours in Christ,

MEYERSDALE, PA., July 24, 1893.

WM. RUPP.

VI.—Communication from President of Eastern Synod.

On Thursday morning under Item 13 of Report of Committee on Overtures, the following was received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, viz :

ALLENTOWN, PA., September 13, 1893.

To the President and Members of the Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: I would respectfully call your attention to Resolution 4, in the report of the committee to whom was referred the election of Dr. Wm. Rupp to a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and which you will find on page 38 of the Acts and Proceedings of the 146th Annual Sessions of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, held at Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 19, 1892.

Your body is therein requested to make arrangements for the installation of Dr. Rupp, in the event of his acceptance of the call in question.

In order to a formal notification of the fact that Dr. Wm. Rupp has signified his willingness to accept of the call to the professorship to which he has been elected, I would hereby enclose a copy of said acceptance, which was forwarded by Dr. Rupp to the President of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and which was dated July 24, 1893.

Sincerely your Brother in Christ,

S. G. WAGNER, *President of the Eastern Synod.*

VII.—Report of the Endowment Committee.

On Friday morning, under Items 10 and 12 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the following report was presented and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary :

To Pittsburgh Synod :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Endowment Committee beg leave to offer their third annual report. It was hoped that this would be their final report. But it is necessary to say that the work for which this Committee was raised is not yet entirely completed.

At the last annual meeting of Synod the pledges to the Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship Fund amounted to some \$26,000, and the cash in hand, including our credit at Lancaster, to \$10,727.70.

During the year just closing some 30 congregations have been

visited, and additional pledges aggregating about \$5,000 have been secured. Many of these congregations were among the smallest in the Synod; others had recently built churches or parsonages, or were engaged in paying church debts. Under the circumstances their contributions to the Seminary Endowment must be regarded as very generous, and in many cases far exceeded the estimates previously formed by the Committee.

Pledges to the amount of \$11,339.82 have been paid in during the year. The Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship Fund was also credited, by action of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, with accumulated interest in the hands of Treasurer John B. Roth to the amount of \$1,487.44. The cash in hand is now \$23,597.96.

The work of visiting and canvassing congregations for pledges to our Endowment Fund has been completed in the three largest Classes of the Synod, viz.: Westmoreland, Somerset and Clarion. There are about a dozen congregations still to be visited in St. Paul's and Allegheny Classes. The demands of the pastoral work in their own charges, as well as in some cases the unreadiness of congregations to make their contributions to this cause, and to some extent during the last two months the financial panic through which the country has passed, have operated to prevent the Committee from reporting the work assigned to them three years ago entirely completed.

Under the circumstances we suggest to the Synod to reconstruct the Committee, two of the members having lately removed from the bounds of the Classes, which they represented, viz., Rev. J. M. Evans, from Somerset Classis, and Rev. E. S. Hassler, from Allegheny Classis, and to authorize a canvass of the remaining congregations without delay. Members of the Committee, and the pastors of the charges, who, almost without exception, have most generously and ardently coöperated with the Committee in securing pledges, should also be asked to do all in their power to secure the payment of overdue pledges and to collect the others as they come due.

With regard to the other duties with which the Committee was charged, the Professor-elect, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., was kept informed during the year of the progress of collections. It did not appear advisable, in the judgment of the Committee and of Dr. Rupp, that he should begin his work in the Seminary at the opening of the year, which was the seventh of September. It is the

opinion of the Committee, however, that it would be advisable for him to assume the duties of his office about the first of January, he having generously consented to do so as soon as the sum of \$25,000 is invested for the payment of his salary. In case Synod should see the way open to direct such a step, it is the opinion of the Committee that the inauguration ceremonies could properly take place during the present sessions of Synod. In view of the fact that Synod might take this view of the situation, your Committee has prepared a programme for the inauguration ceremonies, which we are ready to submit to Synod as soon as it may be called for.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,

THOS. S. LAND,

E. S. HASSLER,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

W. R. BARNHART.

Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported and the report was considered by items on Friday, Saturday and Monday mornings, when Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 were adopted; Items 2, 6 and 9 amended and adopted; and amount in Item 7 referred to Finance Committee, and the report as amended was adopted as a whole, as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Theological Seminary respectfully offers the following report:

The following named documents have been referred to us:

1. The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
2. The report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.
3. The report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.
4. A communication from Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner, President of the Eastern Synod, in regard to the call to Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., to a professorship in the Theological Seminary together with Dr. Rupp's letter of acceptance.
5. The report of the Seminary Endowment Committee.

From these documents we learn that the past year has been one of unusual activity and prosperity in the history of our Theological

Seminary. The number of students has been larger than in any previous year. The new building for the use of the Seminary is in process of erection and when completed will present a fine appearance.

The Class of 1893, with the approval of the Board of Visitors and the Faculty, volunteered to create a fund of at least \$500, to be known as "The Centennial Class Prize in Hebrew."

The work of the endowment of a professorship in our Synod has been about consummated as far as securing money and pledges is concerned. Owing to the stringency of the times and some other matters, several thousand dollars have not yet been collected, but we think it prudent for the Synod to go forward, in accordance with the recommendation of the Endowment Committee, to inaugurate the professor-elect during this Synod's sessions.

In view of these facts the Committee offer the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod joyfully records its gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the prosperity and hopeful condition of our Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod during its present sessions inaugurate Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., as professor in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and that he begin his labors in the Seminary January 1, 1894.

3. *Resolved*, That the inauguration take place on Saturday immediately after the preparatory service.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Seminary Endowment be requested to present to Synod for its approval the inaugural programme prepared by it.

5. *Resolved*, That Elder C. W. Truxal in Somerset Classis and Rev. A. M. Schmidt in Allegheny Classis be appointed to fill the vacancies in the Endowment Committee, and direct that the canvass be completed at as early a date as possible.

6. WHEREAS, This Synod deems it necessary to bring about as speedily as possible a settlement of the various pledges for the Theological Professorship Endowment Fund of this Synod.

Resolved, That Elder C. W. Truxal, of Meyersdale, is hereby authorized and empowered to demand and obtain possession of the subscriptions, notes, cards or other evidences of pledges in the hands of persons that are neglecting the collection of them, and to demand, receive and receipt for the payment of such and all other pledges

handed to him for collection and his receipts for their payments or parts thereof shall be valid as receipts of this Synod for the same.

7. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay \$100 toward the moving expenses of Rev. Dr. Wm. Rupp.

8. *Resolved*, That Synod appropriate \$75 for the payment of the teacher of elocution; that the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay over this amount to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and that the Faculty of the Seminary be respectfully asked to make attendance upon the Lectures in Elocution obligatory on the part of the students, and that annual examinations in Oratory be held.

9. *Resolved*, That Rev. C. R. Ferner, D. A. Souders and Elder S. B. Fisher be and are hereby appointed a committee to audit the financial account of the Endowment Committee and the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund between this time and January 1, 1894.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. WIAANT,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,

C. W. TRUXAL,

J. H. MICKLEY,

JOSEPH RUMBAUGH.

Inauguration of Professor Rupp.

The Endowment Committee, in response to the request contained in the 4th resolution, provided the programme of installation service which was adopted by Synod, and accordingly Rev. Dr. Rupp was installed as Professor of Practical Theology immediately after Preparatory Service on Saturday afternoon, as follows:

1. Invocation and announcement of Hymn 663, by Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., *Corresponding Secretary of Synod*.

2. Scripture reading and prayer, by Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., *Vice-President of Synod*.

3. Address on the significance of the occasion by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., *President of Seminary Faculty*.

4. Reading of the call and its acceptance by Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., *Stated Clerk of Synod*.

5. Charge to the Professor-elect by Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., *President of Synod*.

6. Administration of the oath of office by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., *Member of Board of Visitors of Seminary*.

7. Hymn 407, announced by Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., *Vice-President of Synod*.

8. Inaugural Address by Rev. William Rupp, D. D., *Professor of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.*

9. Doxology and Benediction by Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., *President of Synod.*

Publication of Inaugural Exercises.

On Monday evening the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved 1, That Synod have published 1,200 copies of the inaugural exercises of Pittsburgh Synod's Professor of Practical Theology, 150 copies for Dr. Rupp, and the remainder to be distributed with the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved 2, That a committee of three be appointed with Dr. D. B. Lady as chairman, to take charge of the work.

Resolved 3, That Dr. Lady prepare as introductory a brief account of the endowment work.

The President appointed, under second resolution, Rev. J. H. Mickley and Elder C. W. Truxal as the other members of the committee.

On Monday afternoon, under Item 13 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the Treasurer being absent, the Finance Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to see after the investment of the funds for the endowment of our professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., offer the following:

Elder W. R. Barnhart continues to be Treasurer of this fund and has given security for the same by filing two bonds, one of \$10,000 and one of \$5,000, and has obligated himself to pay 5 per cent. interest on these moneys. There is in his hands the sum of about \$19,438.31 with interest calculated up to January 1, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, R. S. JAMISON.

Charter of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The following is a copy of the Charter of the Theological Seminary as granted in 1831, and amended in 1881 and 1893, and spread upon the minutes in accordance with the resolution of the report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning:

The formulæ of perusal, examination, allowance, publishing, proof, record, etc., are here omitted, but may be found in Prothonotary's office of the Court of Lancaster County, Pa.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

Know ye, that for the purpose set forth and contained in this, our act of association, we, the subscribed citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have associated ourselves for the purpose of becoming a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and regulations, and conditions following to wit :

Article 1. That Joseph Heister, Sr., Philip Heitshu, Jacob Laucks, George Small, John Hartman, John Evans, Martin Danner, William Wagner, Samuel Wagner, George Hoke, George King, John Zeller, William D. Gobrecht, John C. Bucher, John B. Mish, John W. Gloninger, William Heyser and Luther Reily, and their successors duly elected, and appointed in manner hereinafter directed, be, and they are hereby declared, made, and constituted a corporation and body, corporate and politic in law and fact, by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States," at present located in York, in the County of York, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and by the same name and title shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or elsewhere, and to make, have and use a common seal with such device and inscription as they shall deem proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure, and shall be capable in law and equity to receive, take, hold and possess all lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, estates and property of whatever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, which heretofore, in any manner whatsoever, have been given, granted, received, procured, or held by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, devise, bequest or otherwise, for the use of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, the ownership whereof shall vest in said Board of Trustees and by them be held *in Trust* for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to be managed by them in the interest of these three Synods. And also, that the said corporations and their successors shall be capable, in law and equity, to purchase, receive, take, have, hold and possess all lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, estates and property of whatsoever

kind, nature, or quality, real, personal, or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, devise, bequest or otherwise, of any person or persons, bodies, corporate or politic, capable of making the same:

Provided, The said estate, real, personal or mixed, does not yield an annual income exceeding twenty-thousand dollars; and that no misnomer shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, purchase, bargain, sale, devise or bequest, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, making the same.

Article 2. The said corporation [Board of Trustees] shall not at any time consist of more than eighteen members, all of whom shall be laymen, of whom said Eastern Synod shall elect nine; said Pittsburgh Synod three; and said Synod of the Potomac six, and the full term of service of such trustees shall be six years; *provided, however*, that of those first chosen under this arrangement the term of one-third shall be four years, and one-third only two years; and the corporation aforesaid shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of said lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, moneys and other estates whatsoever, agreeably to the intent of the trust committed to it in respect to such property; but in case, when special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by said three Synods in writing under the hands of their stated clerks, it shall be the duty of said corporation to act according to such instructions, if they are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, or to these Articles of Association—*provided further*, that all endowment funds given to the said Theological Seminary be held by the treasurer of this corporation; but that the account of each of the several funds be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and that the income thereof be applied to the particular purpose for which it was created, and should any Synod at any time withdraw from this compact, the particular endowment fund or funds raised by such withdrawing Synod shall be returned to it.

Article 3. That six members of the said corporation, whereof the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, to be one, shall be a sufficient number to transact the business thereof, and to make by laws, rules and regulations, and to supply the vacancies of members of the corporation occurring during the recess of the said Synod:

Provided, That previous to the meeting of the Board or corporation for such purpose, not appointed by adjournment, two weeks' notice shall be given thereof by the secretary or clerk of the corporation, to each member thereof, and the said corporation shall, and may as often as they shall see proper, and according to the rules by them prescribed, choose out of their number a President, who shall be authorized to call special meetings of the corporation, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary, and such other officers as shall by them, the said corporation, be deemed necessary; to which officers the said corporation may assign such compensation for their services, and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time, and to be succeeded in office by others, in such way and manner as the said corporation shall direct.

Article 4. That the corporation shall keep regular and fair entries of their proceedings, and a just account of their receipts and disbursements in a book or books to be provided for that purpose, and shall once in a year exhibit to the said Synod an exact statement of the accounts and funds of the said corporation.

Article 5. That the said corporation, and their successors, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain and establish by-laws and ordinances, and do everything incident and needful for the support and due government of the said corporation, and managing the funds and revenues thereof, provided, the said by-laws be not repugnant to the ordinances, decrees, sentences or resolutions of the said Synod, or the Constitution and by-laws of this Commonwealth, or to these Articles of Association.

Article 6. That the said three Synods shall from time to time establish such professorships and tutorships in literature, science and theology in the said Seminary as they shall judge expedient, and shall elect the professors and tutors thereof, appoint their salaries, prescribe their duties, and remove them from their offices when in their judgment the interests of the Seminary shall require,—*provided, however,* that vacancies occurring from time to time in the three professorships existing prior to the year A. D. 1890, shall be filled by the Eastern Synod, subject to the approval of the other two Synods, and professorships endowed since the year A. D. 1890, by any particular Synod shall be filled by such Synod, subject in like manner to approval of the other Synods.

In case of the trial and discipline of professors of theology as pro-

vided for in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, the authority and action of the Synod having control of any particular professorship shall be final as regards the case of the incumbent of such chair.

In case any Synod or Synods refuse to approve the election of a professor of theology, a committee of conference, consisting of three members from each Synod shall be appointed, who after carefully considering the case shall report their recommendations to the Synods interested for their action ; but no election of a professor of theology shall be final until the approbation of all the Synods controlling the Seminary has been obtained.

Article 7. That if any person or persons shall endow a scholarship in the said Seminary, of a religious denomination other than the said Reformed Church in the United States, the interest of such scholarship shall be always appropriated to the support of a necessitous student of the said Seminary of such other denomination, provided any such student make application.

Article 8. That the professors and tutors of the said Seminary shall constitute a faculty, who shall administer the internal government of the Seminary agreeably to a plan which the said Synod shall approve and authorize, and may from time to time alter and amend.

Article 9. That the Board of Visitors of said Theological Seminary shall consist of twelve ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, six of whom shall be elected by the Eastern Synod, two by the Pittsburgh Synod and four by the Synod of the Potomac, and the full term of service of said visitors shall be four years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-half shall be only two years and four members of said Board shall constitute a quorum. And it shall be the duty of said Board of Visitors to inspect the internal state and government of the said Seminary performing therein only such specific duties as said Synod shall prescribe, and make report of their proceedings to the said Synod at stated annual meetings ; and the said Board of Visitors shall have power to dismiss or expel such offending students of the said Seminary as the faculty shall judge worthy of such punishment, and to restore to their former standing any of said students who may appear to them to have been unjustly suspended. And in case of the removal of a professor or tutor of the said Seminary by death, resignation or otherwise, the said Board of Visitors shall have power

to supply the vacancy till the next meeting of the said Synod, and it shall be their duty to meet annually at the time and place which may be appointed, for the public examination of the students in the aforesaid Seminary, and as often as their President or a majority of them may think proper. They may choose out of their number a President, Secretary, and other officers as often as they shall deem expedient; and may, under the control of the said Synod, adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their government, as shall not be contrary to the Constitution and laws of the United States, or to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth or to the articles of this association.

Article 10. That no non-user or disuser of any of the powers granted in and by this act, shall incur a forfeiture thereof.

JAMES R. REILY,	WILLIAM WAGNER,
GEORGE SMALL,	FERDINAND L. SPANGLER.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I. Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa.

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home reported on Thursday morning as follows, and the report referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning, viz :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: In making this our annual report, we would first of all thankfully acknowledge the continued favor and blessing of Almighty God, who by His spirit has continued to move the hearts of His people to provide for the fatherless little ones, who have been the recipients of temporal and spiritual blessings in the Home at Butler.

Since the last report the health of the inmates has been reasonably good, although it is with sadness that we record the deaths of two Church Orphans, viz : Blanche Bargerstock and John Wagner, the former of diphtheria, and the latter of typhoid fever. It certainly speaks well for those in charge that the spread of these two highly contagious diseases was prevented, and that no new cases developed.

In neither case could the disease be traced to a lack of sanitary condition of the building or premises.

The number of children cared for during the year was 78, of which number 26 were supported by the alms of the Church, and 52 by parents and friends. At the close of the year, June 14th, 65 were cared for, of whom 23 were Church Orphans. For their support there was received, according to the Treasurer's report, for the year ending June 7, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

From Churches, Sunday-schools and Societies,	\$2,079 76
“ Sundry Individuals,	120 95
“ Boarders,	3,487 25
“ State Drafts,	194 23
“ Orphans' Friend (Monthly Paper),	54 10
“ Interest on Invested Funds,	300 00
“ Bequest—Mr. Henry Wirt, dec'd,	1,000 00
	<u>\$7,236 29</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due the Treasurer June 8, 1892,	\$105 83
Interest on Indebtedness,	618 00
State Tax (4 mills) on Invested Funds,	19 00
S. Z. B. on account of \$1,200 note,	200 00
C. F. L. McQuiston, Survey and Plan of Lots,	22 00
Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Home Expenses,	5,220 43
Invested Funds,	1,000 00
Balance on hand,	51 03
	<u>\$7,236 29</u>

To care for the intellectual and physical wants of the inmates there were employed during the year two school teachers for ten months, one at \$30 and the other at \$25 per month; one person having the care of the clothing and bedding at \$3.00 per week; one cook, one seamstress, one housekeeper and two laundry women, each at \$3.00 per week.

The intellectual training of the inmates of the Home has received due attention under experienced and successful teachers, with excellent results. The moral and religious culture of the children has been faithfully attended to, and has resulted in a profession of faith in Christ by those over fourteen years of age. The buildings and grounds of the Home are in good condition, but we are sorry to say

that the indebtedness of the Home remains nearly the same as one year ago. The plan approved by Synod to sell part of the grounds for town lots could not be carried into effect, on account of no demand for said lots; but it is hoped that in the future an income may be received from this source. It is hoped that the charities of the Church in behalf of the Home may be speedily increased, for which purpose we ask that Synod recommend the Christmas offerings of congregations and Sunday-schools and the collections of Children's Day services be devoted to the support of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

The members of the Board whose terms expire with this Synod are Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., T. S. Land, H. S. Garner and M. E. Lowe. Elder W. E. Schmertz having died, a vacancy thereby exists for his unexpired term, and Elder W. J. Ruch declined the election, so that you are required to elect six persons as Directors.

Commending the cause of the fatherless to your prayers and alms in the future, we respectfully submit this report.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

President of the Board.

II. Report of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions reported on Friday afternoon, and the report referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning, as follows:

We are glad to report, as you will be glad to learn, that Clarion Collegiate Institute, at Rimersburg, Pa., has been in very successful operation during the past year. The attendance was unusually large, there being present during the year between fifty and sixty students. The enthusiasm of the principal communicated itself to the pupils and together they did a very successful work.

Moreover, the prospects for the current year are exceptionally encouraging. Hitherto, the school has been conducted in connection with the public schools of the place; but so bright is the present outlook that it is thought best henceforth to carry on the work independently of any other interest.

The finances of the institution are in better condition than ever before. There are no debts, and there is a small amount on hand as the nucleus of an endowment.

We again recommend the school to a renewed interest and such liberal patronage as the growing merits of the institution so justly deserve.

D. N. DITTMAR, *President.*

III. Report of Committee on Changes in the Charters.

On Friday afternoon, under Item 13 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, the following report was received and referred to Committee on Institutions of Learning, viz. :

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

The committee appointed by the Eastern Synod to act in conjunction with similar committees of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods in an effort to secure such legal changes to the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and of the Theological Seminary as to make the two last named Synods joint owners with the Eastern Synod of the above named institutions, and which was continued by the Synod of Lancaster, Pa., of 1892, with instructions to set in motion the proceedings by which these changes to the charters might be effected according to the plan recommended and adopted by the three Synods at their last annual meeting, would beg leave to report to the Synods severally as follows :

1. That the amendments and changes to the charters of the two institutions in question were decreed by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster county, Pa., on Saturday, August 19, 1893, and that they are now a part of the organic law of the institutions and the Church.

2. That in the judgment of the Committee these charters so amended should be formally accepted and adopted by the three Synods during their annual sessions of 1893; and to facilitate such adoption a copy of the amendments is hereby submitted to each of the Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER,

E. N. KREMER, T. O. STEM,

September 14, 1893.

D. S. KELLER, J. W. BICKEL.

The Report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Committee on Institutions of Learning reported on Saturday morning, and the report considered by items, as follows: On Saturday the 3d and 4th resolutions were adopted, and on Monday morning the 1st and 2d resolutions and the report as a whole was adopted, viz :

Your Committee on Institutions of Learning offer the following report :

Five documents were referred to your Committee : 1. The report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home ; 2. The report of the Trustees of Literary Institutions of Pittsburgh Synod ; 3. The Annual Catalogue of Allentown Female College ; 4. The Annual Register of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary ; and 5. A report of the Committee on Changes to the Charters of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary.

It appears from these documents—

1. That St. Paul's Orphan Home has during the year enjoyed, under God, the blessing of health, prosperity and progress. The number of orphans enrolled during the year was 78, 26 of whom were supported by the alms of the Church.

That Elder W. E. Schmertz, a member of the Board, died during the year ; that Elder W. J. Ruch has declined the election as a member of the Board, and that the terms of the following members expire with this meeting : Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., T. S. Land, H. S. Garner and Elder M. E. Lowe.

2. The report of Trustees of Literary Institutions shows that Clarion Collegiate Institute has been in successful operation. The attendance has been unusually large. The financial condition of the Institute is better than ever before.

3. The College for Women, in Allentown, reports a large number of students and a remarkably full curriculum, and is no doubt doing good work for the young women of the Church.

4. The Register of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary shows an increase of 19 students in College and Academy over the number last year, and an increase in the Seminary of 10.

5. The report of Committee on Changes of Charters informs Synod that the charters have been amended, and communicates to Synod a report of the changes made ; and requests this Synod to accept and adopt the amended charters.

In view of these facts your Committee recommends the following actions :

1. Resolved, That Synod recommends St. Paul's Orphan Home to the liberal support of our congregations, and requests that the Christmas offerings of congregations and Sunday-schools be given to the Home.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the prosperity of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and recommends these institutions to the patronage and liberal support of the congregations in our Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That Pittsburgh Synod accepts the amendments to the charter of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in Lancaster, and adopt the amended charters and orders, the amended charters to be engrossed upon the Minutes of Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk procure a copy of the amended charters through the proper channels for the purpose of engrossing them upon the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS,

JOHN McCONNELL,

ED. WHITLING,

H. S. GARNER,

JACOB BRINKER.

Charter of Franklin and Marshall College with Amendments in both Charter and Supplement.

Pennsylvania, ss :

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, WILLIAM BIGLER, Governor of said Commonwealth,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME SENDS GREETING :

WHEREAS, An Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth entitled “ An Act to unite and consolidate Marshall College now at Mercersburg, with Franklin College now at Lancaster, under the name of “ Franklin and Marshall College,” as a corporation, to be located in the City of Lancaster, or its immediate vicinity, provides for incorporation of said College, and which Act is as follows, viz :

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That Franklin College, which was chartered by the Representatives of the freemen of the said Commonwealth, sitting at Philadelphia, the tenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and Marshall College at Mercersburg, chartered by act of Assembly the thirty-first of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, be and are hereby united and consolidated into one institution of

learning, under the corporate name, style and title of "Franklin and Marshall College," and thus created, the same be located in the City of Lancaster, or its immediate vicinity.

SECTION 2. The said Franklin and Marshall College so united, consolidated and located, shall be under the direction, management and government of not less than forty-five nor more than sixty trustees, of whom the Governor of this State shall ex-officio be one, and two-thirds of which number of trustees at least shall be members of the German Reformed Church, and a quorum of whom competent to transact any business shall consist of fifteen members, at least two-thirds of which quorum shall be members of the German Reformed Church, and to that end and purpose William Heyser, John Smith, Bernard Wolff, George Besore, John Casper Bucher, and John W. Nevin, of Franklin county; John Conrad Bucher, George Z. Kunkel, Daniel W. Gross, Rudolph F. Kelker, John F. Mesick and Luther Riley, of Dauphin county; David Middlekauff, of Adams county; William A. Good and Samuel Wagner, of York county; David Krause, William Schall and John R. Kooker, of Montgomery county; Julius W. Mann, William Mayburry, Charles H. Bibighaus and John G. Alburger, of Philadelphia; John W. Gloninger, John W. Killinger and John Krause, of Lebanon county; James Buchanan, John L. Atlee, Samuel Bowman, James L. Reynolds, John Reynolds, Emanuel C. Reigart, Henry G. Long, Samuel Humes, Benjamin Champneys, B. Keenan, Christopher Hager, Daniel Heitshue, David Longenecker, Christian Gast, John Bausman, William Hiester, Philip K. Brenneman, N. A. Keyes, Clement B. Grubb and Joseph Konigsmacher, of Lancaster county; Thomas H. Leinbach, Philip Zieber and P. Hiester, of Berks county; Isaac Meyers, of Schuylkill; J. H. A. Bomberger, J. P. Hetrich, of Northampton county; George C. Welker, of Northumberland county; and William Darlington, of Chester county, Pennsylvania; Jacob Myer, of Virginia; Elias Heiner, John Rodenmayer, Bernard C. Wolff, Daniel Zellers and Geo. Shaffer, of Maryland; and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ex-officio, shall be and hereby are created the first trustees.

SECTION 3. The trustees above named and created, and their successors, to be elected as hereinafter provided, are hereby established and declared to be one body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession in deed and in law under the said name, style, and title of

“Franklin and Marshall College,” by which name they and their successors shall be capable in law and equity to take for the use of Franklin and Marshall College, any estate in any messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods, chattels, moneys, and other effects, by gift, bargain, and sale, conveyance, assurance, devise, or bequest, as well of the said Franklin College and the said Marshall College at Mercersburg, both being hereby authorized and empowered to alien, transfer and convey, to said Franklin and Marshall College, such property as of all other persons or corporate bodies, and the same to dispose of by sale or otherwise, or to farm, let, and put out on interest, for the use of said Franklin and Marshall College, in such manner as they or a quorum of their Board of Trustees shall judge most beneficial to said institution, and receive the proceeds and income thereof for its proper support; to execute all contracts for scholarships, erected by Marshall College, unless the owner or holder of any scholarship residing in Mercersburg, on which a balance may remain unpaid, shall object to paying the same, and by the same name to sue and be sued, to prosecute and defend, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and generally to transact all business concerning the premises or incidentally necessary to ensure full success to said College; and to hold, enjoy, and exercise all such powers, authorities and jurisdictions, as are customary in other like institutions in this State. The ownership of the property of Franklin and Marshall College, and the management of the institution shall hereafter vest in said Board of Trustees and by them be held *in trust*, for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and be carried forward in the interest of said three Synods.

SECTION 4. The said trustees shall cause a common seal to be made for the use of the said corporation and college, with such devices and inscriptions thereon as are suitable for the same in their judgment, by which all deeds and other instruments of writing, diplomas, certificates, and other acts of said corporation and college shall pass and be authenticated, and said seal to break, alter, and replace at their pleasure.

SECTION 5. The first meeting of said trustees shall be convened in the City of Lancaster, on the requisition of any seven of their members, and notice of ten days to each; and thereafter their meeting shall be annual at each college commencement, on similar notice,

to be given by the President or Secretary, to transact the business of said corporation and college, to enact by-laws not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States or of this State, to appoint the principal and professors of said college, and determine their number, duties, and compensation ; to remove said functionaries for incompetency, misconduct or other sufficient cause, to provide in conference with its faculty proper rewards for merit, and punishments for violation of its rules, regulations and by-laws on the part of students and subordinate officers ; to elect their President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers and agents as are usual in other colleges ; to appoint committees for carrying into execution their resolutions, and generally to do all other matters and things which though not here enumerated may be necessary to secure the full success and well being of said institution.

SECTION 6. The Trustees may adjourn their meetings, and also may hold special meetings whenever the President and Secretary, and on their disagreement or neglect a majority of the faculty, shall require it, for the transaction of any distinct business or ordering of any distinct matter concerning said College, either at Lancaster or other convenient place ; but in such case notice of the business or matter to be done, as well as the time and place of meeting, shall be given ten days beforehand to each member of the Board.

SECTION 7. In the room and instead of Trustees who shall die, resign, or otherwise create vacancies, the remaining Trustees shall elect others at the next annual meeting, or at a special meeting to be called for that purpose in manner aforesaid, and thus perpetuate succession in the Board of Trustees and the corporation shall be kept up and preserved, with the powers, rights, immunities, and duties, provided for in this charter ; and if any member of the Board of Trustees shall fail to attend three successive annual meetings thereof, his seat may be vacated by said Board, if by them deemed expedient.

SECTION 8. The Principal of said College and its Professors, who may from time to time be multiplied to any number, for the purpose of giving instruction in any of the liberal arts and sciences, and other useful learning, or a majority of them, for the time being, shall constitute the Faculty of the same, and shall as such have power to enforce the rules and regulations adopted by the Trustees for its government, and that of its students and subordinate officers, and to grant by order and consent of the Board of Trustees, or a quorum

thereof, such degrees in the said arts and sciences or other useful learning to students of said College and others, who by their proficiency in learning, or other distinction, shall be adjudged entitled to them, as have been usually granted in other Colleges or universities in America or Europe, and to grant to said students entitled thereto, diplomas or certificates to perpetuate the memory of the graduation or other distinction, in all which cases the same shall be authenticated by the common seal of said corporation.

SECTION 9. There shall be in said College one or more German Professorships.

SECTION 10. That whenever the intent in any gift, grant, devise, or bequest, to or from said corporation to make the same shall sufficiently appear, no misnomer shall defeat such intent, nor shall any omission or neglect of the Trustees to meet at the time and place appointed for business, affect this charter or work its forfeiture, but in such case another meeting may be called by any member of the Board giving ten days notice for that purpose.

SECTION 11. The charters of the Franklin College and of Marshall College aforesaid, shall be and severally remain in full force and virtue until they shall severally have collected all obligations due them and have severally conveyed their property, real, personal, and mixed, subject to the subsequent provisions of this act, as far as relates to the real estate of Marshall College, to Franklin and Marshall College aforesaid, for the use, benefit, and behoof of the said Franklin and Marshall College, and thenceforth the said charters of Franklin College and Marshall College shall be null and void.

AND WHEREAS, By the above recited act, the Governor of this Commonwealth is authorized and required to issue his letters patent, under the Seal of the State in the manner and at the time therein specified.

AND WHEREAS, The stipulations, conditions and things in the said act, directed to be performed, have in all respects been fully complied with.

NOW KNOW YE, That in pursuance of power, and authority to me by law given, I, William Bigler, Governor of the said Commonwealth, do by these presents, which I have caused to be made patent and sealed with the Seal of the State, establish and declare the above named trustees, and their successors in office, to be one body politic and corporate with perpetual succession in deed and in law by the name, style and title of "Franklin and Marshall College."

And by the said name the trustees aforesaid, and their successors in office, shall have all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and the trustees aforesaid, and their successors and assigns are generally to be invested with all the rights, powers and privileges with full force and effect, and to be subject to all the duties, requisite and restrictions, specified and enjoined in and by the said act of the General Assembly, and all other laws of this Commonwealth.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and of the Commonwealth the Seventy-Seventh.

By the Governor :

F. W. HUGHES,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act to unite and consolidate Marshall College, now at Mercersburg, with Franklin College, now at Lancaster, under the name of Franklin and Marshall College, as a corporation, to be located in the City of Lancaster, or its immediate vicinity, approved the nineteenth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty, changing the Trustees thereof, and the manner of selecting such Trustees and their terms of office :

WHEREAS, The trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, at a late meeting, vacated their seats, to take effect in July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and unanimously recommended a reduction in the number, as well as such other modifications of their charter, as are herein contained, and requested the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States of North America to elect a Board of Trustees :

AND WHEREAS, Said Synod at its late meeting in York, Pennsylvania, unanimously approved the changes suggested by said Board of Trustees in the charter of said College, and elected as Trustees the persons hereinafter named. Therefore :

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly*

met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same : That the seats of all the present members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College be and they are hereby declared vacant on the evening of Tuesday of College commencement, of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and the new Board hereinafter appointed (and which was chosen by the Synod of the German Reformed Church) shall meet and organize on the morning on Wednesday of said College commencement, in July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

SECTION 2. That Thomas E. Franklin, W. H. Lawall, and Henry Wirt, are hereby appointed Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, for one year, from and after July first, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven ; William Mayburry, John L. Reigel, and A. Herr Smith, for two years from that date ; B. C. Wolff, Joseph Laubach, and Benjamin F. Shenk, for three years from that date ; B. Bausman, R. F. Kelker, and James L. Reynolds, for four years from that date ; John Heilman, H. G. Long, and C. B. Grubb, for five years from that date ; J. H. A. Bomberger, Jacob Heyser, and A. L. Hayes, for six years from that date ; George C. Kunkel, G. S. Griffith, and D. W. Patterson, for seven years from that date ; James Buchanan, John W. Killinger, and John Wiest, for eight years from that date ; Charles Santee, J. L. Atlee, and Jacob Bausman, for nine years from that date ; and C. Hager, D. W. Gross, and John Cessna, for ten years from that date.

SECTION 3. That hereafter the Eastern Synod shall elect twelve, the Pittsburgh Synod three and the Synod of the Potomac six members of the Board of Trustees in such manner as said Synods may respectively determine, and the Board shall choose the remaining nine members. The terms of service of said trustees shall begin on the first day of July next succeeding their election, and they shall continue in office for the period of ten years thereafter.

SECTION 4. The ratio of members of said Board of Trustees who are members of the German Reformed Church, and the number of Trustees required to constitute a quorum shall not be changed.

SECTION 5. No member of the College Faculty shall be a member of the Board of Trustees ; this section shall not apply to any person delivering lectures to students on anatomy or medicine ; but only to those regularly engaged in teaching.

SECTION 6. That the Board of Trustees shall have power, and it

shall be their duty to declare vacant the seat of any member who shall fail to attend any of the meetings of the Board for two whole years, without sufficient excuse, to be judged by the Board.

SECTION 7. That the Board shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in their own body, by reason of death, resignation, failure of Synod to elect, or otherwise ; the person or persons so elected by the Board, to continue in office during the balance of the term of the person or persons in whose stead he or they shall have been chosen.

SECTION 8. That so much of the act of Assembly to which this is a supplement, as is consistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1867, and duly authenticated by the seal and signature of the Secretary of the State.

ARTICLE XVI.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of the Sunday-school Board.

On Thursday morning the report of the Sunday-school Board was presented by its President, and the report was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. D. W. Kerr, J. N. Naly, L. T. Lampe, Elders J. H. Twitmyer and John Reiter. It is as follows :

To the Synod of Pittsburgh.

DEAR BRETHREN : Your Sunday-school Board submits the following report of its work during the year ending with this meeting of Synod :

We are glad to report that something has been done in the way of organization and preparation for future work of the Board. Sunday-school Associations have been organized in accordance with the provisions of the constitution adopted at the last meeting of Synod in St. Paul's, Allegheny and Westmoreland Classes. In this work we have been hindered somewhat by the frequent Seminary Endowment Conventions held during the year. From the associations already organized, however, we receive promising reports indicating that the objects of these organizations will be realized.

During the year the second meeting of the *Association of St.*

Paul's Classis was held in St. Paul's Church, Meadville, and was largely attended by Sunday-school workers, who were greatly interested in the meeting. *The Association of Allegheny Classis* was organized during the year in the Reformed Church at Turtle Creek, where interesting and instructive meetings were held. The *Association of Westmoreland Classis* was organized only last week, in the Reformed Church at Latrobe, and from it promising reports are received. We have prepared blank reports by which we hope to gather useful information for the Synod as opportunity allows. Thus far we have been able to pay all expenses from collections taken at the meeting of the associations.

The Board desires to call the attention of Synod to the following matters of importance :

1. In view of the fact that the object of these associations is to unify the Sunday-school work of the Synod and thereby bring it more in line with the life and spirit of the Church, and inasmuch as this object is in harmony with the recent action of General Synod, we therefore urge upon the members of this Synod to coöperate with the Board in organizing and carrying forward the work of Classical Sunday-school Associations.

2. In order that Sunday-school work may receive the consideration which its importance demands and that the work of this Synod may be facilitated, the Board recommends the amendment to the rules of order, so as to permit the appointment of a Standing Committee on Sunday-schools

3. The term of Rev. E. S. Hassler, the member of the Board for Allegheny Classis, expires with this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER, *President.*

Report of Committee.

On Monday afternoon the special committee to which this report had been referred reported, and the report considered by items, and the items severally adopted and Item 3, referred to Committee on Nominations. The report, as a whole, was adopted as follows :

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

DEAR BRETHREN : Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Sunday-school Board and a communication from the General Synod's Board begs leave to offer the following report :

It is with pleasure that we learn of the increased interest manifested in the work of the Sunday-school and of the progress made during the past year in this important branch of the Church work.

In order that this interest may be still further increased and that the progress in the work be even more rapid, we, therefore, recommend the following :

1. That this Synod coöperate with the Board in organizing and carrying forward the work of Classical Sunday-school Associations, and we urge the prompt payment of the "cent a member fund."

2. That the Lemmata of Synod be so amended as to provide for the appointment of a Standing Committee on Sunday-schools.

3. We also note the fact that the term of Rev. E. S. Hassler as a member of the Board expires and recommend that the vacancy be filled.

D. W. KERR,	J. N. NALY,
J. H. TWITMYER,	JOHN REITER.

ARTICLE XVII.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The Board of Beneficiary Education reported on Thursday morning, and the report was referred to the Committee on Education, as follows :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: Thirteen students for the ministry have been under our care during the past year. One of these was received a year ago, but as his conduct was such as to require his repeated suspension from College, the Board withdrew its support and required him to refund aid advanced, which has been done.

Two, with permission of the Classes to which they belonged, have been engaged in teaching during the year; two completed their theological studies, viz: Mr. Takeo Noya and John N. Naly, the latter of whom is engaged in successful missionary work within the bounds of this Synod. With the exception mentioned, the conduct of all has been commendable. All who have not been engaged in teaching have been in attendance at our institution at Lancaster.

The term of Rev. J. F. Snyder as a member of this Board expires with this Synod, and that of Rev. N. H. Skyles is vacant by reason his removal from our bounds.

Financial Statement.

Amount Received from Treasurer of Synod,	\$1,675 00
“ Expended,	1,567 00
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Balance on hand,	\$108 00

To carry forward the work for the present year we ask an appropriation of \$1,700. Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, *President and Treasurer.*

Report of the Committee on Education.

On Friday morning the Committee on Education presented its report, which was considered by items, and the items severally and the report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

Your Committee on Education would beg leave to make the following report:

Only one paper came into the hands of your committee. This is a report from the President of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

From this report we are greatly pleased to learn that thirteen young men were under the care of the Board.

It is, however, with regret, that it is learned that one young man turned back from the holy office he had in view, but rejoice that so many remained faithful and are continuing their studies.

It is with pleasure that we note that the Japanese student, Mr. Takeo Noya, completed his theological course, and the hope is entertained that he will “go and preach the gospel.”

John N. Naly has completed his course, and is successfully engaged in missionary work.

We recommend the following for adoption.

Resolved, That the amount asked by the Board, viz., \$1,700 be referred and apportioned by the Committee on Finance upon the Classes of Synod.

Resolved, That, as the harvest is white for the Reformed Church and the laborers are few, that pastors and consistories seek out worthy young men for the holy ministry.

W. H. BATES,

D. N. HARNISH,

L. T. LAMPE,

P. BITTENBENDER,

GEORGE N. SMITH.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

On Thursday morning the Committee on Overtures reported (Item 3), a complaint of the consistory of St. John's Reformed Church, Johnstown, against a certain action of Westmoreland Classis; the same committee (Item 4), and the Committee on Minutes of Classes on Thursday afternoon (Item 3), both reported an appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates from a decision of Westmoreland Classis. These items together, with accompanying papers, were referred to a committee consisting of Revs. A. J. Heller, T. S. Land and Elder J. H. Twitmyer, which was instructed to examine whether in order, and if in order, to report an order of hearing the cases. This special committee reported on Friday morning, and the report was adopted and is as follows :

To the Pittsburgh Synod.

Your committee to whom were referred the appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates and the complaint of the consistory of St. John's Reformed Church of Johnstown, Pa., beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Minutes of Westmoreland Classis and find that the appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates is not in order, for the reason that the action of Classis in question is not subject to appeal and that "distinct and immediate notice" of intention to appeal was not given.

In regard to the complaint of the consistory of St. John's Church of Johnstown, we find that no notice of intention to complain was given, and that the reasons of complaint were not lodged with the President of Classis within the time prescribed in Article 30 of the constitution, and therefore the complaint is not in order.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER,

THOS. S. LAND, J. H. TWITMYER.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

I. Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

On Thursday morning, under report of the Committee on Overtures (Item 5), was presented and read the report of the Publication

Board with a memorial from the Board to the Synods, all of which was then referred to the Committee on Publication, as follows:

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods :

BRETHREN : Your Publication Board reports that the publication interests continue in a flourishing state, as attested by the words of commendation received and by the steady growth in their circulation, notably in that of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, your leading and most effective organ. During the past year its subscription lists, under new efforts and attractive offers, have increased largely, and point to a greater increase in the future.

The books of the lessee were duly audited. From these it appeared that the gross receipts for the year 1892 amounted to \$40,443.78, as compared with \$38,279.23 for the previous year, being an increase of \$2,164.55. Under the contract, therefore, the Treasurer of the Board received a contingent from the lessee of \$1,213.31 for the past year. For the first time since the contract was made the gross receipts have exceeded the basis agreed upon for computing the guarantee, and the treasury is receiving a corresponding benefit, a result that again emphasizes the wisdom of your action in disposing of your publication interests under the existing lease.

The new Treasurer of the Board, Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., reports the condition of the treasury as of July 1, 1893: Cash, \$3,291.53; investments, \$4,205.19. Total, \$7,496.72.

At the meeting of the Board held September 6, 1893, attention was called to the publication of books and papers by other persons, which interfere with the rights of both parties to the contract between lessor and lessee, and it was unanimously resolved to petition your bodies to take cognizance of these by adopting such measures of relief as your wisdom may suggest. A separate memorial, prepared by C. M. Boush, Esq., of Meadville, Pa., under authority of the Board, embodying these complaints, will be presented for your consideration.

The Board, by the death, during the past year, of Mr. George W. Hensel, has lost one of its most efficient members, one who for many years took a deep interest in its publication affairs. The office of treasurer held by the late Mr. Hensel has been filled by the election of Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Penna., to succeed him. The vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Mr. Hensel has been filled by the election of John W. Bickel, Esq., of Norristown, Penna.

Another vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the resignation of

Hon. John Cessna, of Bedford, Penna., has been filled by the election in his stead of G. S. Griffith, of Baltimore, Md., who was subsequently chosen President.

The attention of the Eastern Synod is called to the expiration of the term of Mr. James T. Reber, and that of the Pittsburgh Synod to the expiration of the term of Mr. C. M. Boush.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, September 21, 1893.

II. Memorial Accompanying the Report of Board.

To the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The publication interests owned by you jointly being entrusted to our care, we deem it our imperative duty to report to you any and all matters coming under our observation that in any way may effect the same either for good or evil.

First, We draw your attention to the contents of the contract, which the Board as your servant and with your consent as lessor made with Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., lessee, and beg leave to suggest, that your Reverend Bodies take such action as in your wisdom may be thought most effective to secure the strict adherence to the conditions contained in said contract to be observed on part of the three Synods and their constituencies. This we find necessary to be done, from a tendency that has come under our observation, on the part of some of our pastors and people, to regard the Reformed Publication House, at Philadelphia, as a private enterprise, in the same line with other private enterprises of members of the Church. We are as Synods and members of said Synods bound by solemn contract to the patronage of our Philadelphia institution, moreover it is to the interest of our beloved Church as a whole, that we should do so. We are in a fair way, slowly but surely to lay the foundation, and to gather sufficient means for the establishment of an institution in the future, that may meet our ideas and wants more fully, and command respect abroad.

The time when this will be reached is determined by the action of our own pastors and people. The greater the patronage of your own

institution, at present under lease, the greater is the income therefrom for the Church, and the faster we near the period so much desired by all of us. We should, one and all, zealously guard and work for the interest of the Church in that direction, and not patronize and build up other private enterprises to the detriment of our own institution.

We are credibly informed, that books owned, issued and copyrighted by this Board (the copyright of 28 years being now expired), were reprinted with some annexes by a private individual, we leave it for the publishers' fraternity to say, if this is an honorable business transaction, but one thing is beyond dispute, that the manufacture and sale of books in competition with those issued and sold by the institution of the Church, is not much to her interest.

We have mentioned these few points that they may come to your notice and determine your action, which we hope and pray you may take in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*,
EDW'D J. DURBAN, *Secretary*,
JAMES T. REBER, *Treasurer*,
C. M. BOUSH, JOHN W. BICKEL,
B. WOLFF, JR., SAM'L HOEFLICH.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report on Monday afternoon, and it was adopted as a whole, as follows:

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to offer the following report:

Two papers were referred to us, viz: The annual report of the Board of Publication and a memorial from the same.

From the first we learn that the publication interests are in a flourishing condition; that there has been during the year a steady increase in the circulation of the *Reformed Church Messenger*; that for the first time, under the present arrangement, have the gross receipts exceeded \$40,000; and that the Board calls the attention of Synod to the expiration of the term of C. M. Boush, Esq., as a member of the Board.

Your Committee therefore suggests the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod learns with pleasure the prosperous

condition of the publishing interests, and hopes for the continuance of the same.

In reference to the complaint of the Board that its rights are interfered with by the publication of books and papers by outside parties, we recommend the following :

Resolved, That although Pittsburgh Synod did not jointly with the Eastern and Potomac Synods instruct the Board of Publication to transfer the publication interests at Philadelphia to the present lessee, but disclaimed the transfer as made, and sought to raise legal obstacles to the operation of the lease, the Synod is, nevertheless, morally bound by said contract, because it acquiesced in the transaction, and its Board is the recipient of the profits of the business.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Synod that the Board justly expects the patronage of the three Synods concerned for the Publication House at Philadelphia, and therefore our pastors and people are urged to give the preference to its publications.

Resolved, That Synod regards all books and papers, even after the copyrights on them have expired, as still in one sense the property of the Board ; and it regrets that the rule of courtesy usually prevailing between publishers in matters of this kind should be violated.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. DARBAKER,
HIRAM KING, D. W. KERR,
THOS. A. GILES.

Books Presented.

Under Items 8, 9 and 14 of the report of the Committee on Overtures the three books, "Sealed unto Christ," "Heaven," "Our Marriage Service," were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. D., U. O. H. Kerschner, H. S. Garner, Elders Josiah Kern, S. B. Fisher, which reported on Monday morning, and the report was adopted and is as follows :

Your committee to whom were referred the books entitled respecting "Sealed unto Christ, a Confirmation Manual," by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt ; "Our Marriage Service and Certificate of the Minister," by Rev. Charles G. Fisher, D. D., and "Heaven," by Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, A. M., would respectfully offer the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the

donors and that the favorable attention of our pastors and people be called to these books.

P. C. PRUGH,
U. O. H. KERSCHNER, H. S. GARNER,
JOSIAH KERN, S. B. FISHER.

Immediately upon the adoption of the foregoing, the book on Heaven was donated to the library of Clarion Collegiate Institute, and the others to the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers.

Publication of Minutes.

On Monday morning the Stated Clerk was instructed to publish 2500 copies of the proceedings of this meeting, and to distribute them in the usual manner.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

On Thursday afternoon the Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee to audit and report upon; it is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church:

PITTSBURGH SYNOD, in account with C. M. BOUSH, Treasurer.

1892.	DR.	
Oct.	1. Balance over from previous report	\$221.37
Oct.	1. Received from Rev. A. R. Kremer, interest on Wichita subscription	1.50
Oct.	28. Received from Rev. R. C. Bowling, balance of special fund for Hungarian Mission in hand .	69.23
1893.		
April	6. Received from Mrs. C. T. Barnhart, Treas. W. M. Soc., Pitts. Syn., for Hungarian Mission. Contributed by Ladies' Miss. Soc., St. Mark's, Pittsburgh	\$5.00
	Contributed by Ladies' Miss. Soc., 2d Ch., Greensburg	30.00
	Contributed by Ladies' Miss. Soc., Amity Ch., Meyersdale	5.00
	Contributed by Ladies' Miss. Soc., Salina.	8.00
	Contributed by Ladies' Miss. Soc., Latrobe.	5.00
		53.00

Nov.	16.	Received per J. M. Schick, amount collected on note of S. Harpst for Theo. Prof. Fund . . .	\$10.00	
		Rev. F. Pilgram, balance due from him on Theo. Prof. Fund and interest	83.47	
		O. H. Swift, at Tacoma, Wash., on old beneficiary bond	697.77	
		W. D. Stoyer, at New Hamburg, on beneficiary bond	93.00	
				<hr/> \$1,229.34

RECEIVED FROM WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

1892.		On apportionment.		
Dec.	10.	Per Rev. C. R. Ferner, Treasurer	\$145.53	
1893.				
Jan.	5.	" " " "	202.30	
Jan.	21.	" " " "	111.92	
March.		" " " "	249.50	
April	8.	" " " "	160.75	
May	6.	" " " "	554.95	
June	2.	" " " "	201.51	
July	26.	" " " "	72.19	
July	26.	For Church Extension and Beneficiary Education.	27.67	
Sept.	25.	" " " " " "	204.83	
Sept.	27.	" " " " " "	42.06	
				<hr/> 1,973.21
		For Hungarian Missions	55.97	
		For Calvin College	25.56	
		For Franklin and Marshall College	7.40	
		Hungarian Missions and Calvin College	18.79	

RECEIVED FROM CLARION CLASSIS.

1892.		On apportionment.		
Oct.	28.	Per Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treasurer	\$100.00	
Nov.	8.	" " " " "	50.00	
1893.				
Jan.	11.	" " " " "	125.00	
Feb.	23.	" " " " "	128.60	
April	8.	" " " " "	300.00	
June	21.	" " " " "	200.00	
Aug.	22.	" " " " "	123.00	
Aug.	22.	Hungarian Missions and special.	15.39	
Sept.	20.	" " " " "	150.00	
				<hr/> 1,191.99
		From Missionary Society, Curllsville, special for Home Missions	10.00	

RECEIVED FROM SOMERSET CLASSIS.

1892.	On apportionment.		
Dec.	8.	Per Rev. A. J. Heller, Treasurer	\$160.00
Dec.	28.	" " " " " "	250.00
1893.			
Feb.	9.	" " " " " "	200.00
April	26.	" " " " " "	300.00
May	20.	" " " " " "	200.00
Sept.	27.	" " " " " "	111.24
			<u>1,221.24</u>
Sept.	27.	For Franklin and Marshall College, from St. Paul's, Somerset	16.72
Sept.	27.	For Calvin College, from St. Paul's, Somerset. . .	\$11.71
		" " " " Glade Church	5.00
			<u>16.71</u>

RECEIVED FROM ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

1892.	On apportionment.		
Dec.	30.	Per C. M. Boush, Treasurer	\$100.00
1893.			
Jan.	10.	" " " " " "	75.20
May	9.	" " " " " "	100.00
June	14.	" " " " " "	200.00
June	23.	" " " " " "	300.00
Sept.	14.	" " " " " "	175.00
Sept.	27.	" " " " " "	30.00
			<u>980.20</u>

RECEIVED FROM ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

1893.	On apportionment.		
May	13.	Per J. M. Conroy, Treasurer	\$232.90
Sept.	22.	" " " " " "	578.00
			<u>810.90</u>
1893.			
Feb.	4.	For Ministerial Relief Association.	\$30.00
May	13.	" " " " " "	3.76
Sept.	22.	" " " " " "	55.00
			<u>88.76</u>
			<u>\$7,646.79</u>

PITTSBURGH SYNOD in account with C. M. BOUSH, Treasurer.

PAID OUT FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

1892.	CR.	
Oct.	1.	Discount on checks \$0.40
		For a book50
		Traveling expenses to Irwin 6.50
Nov.	8.	Janitor's fees at Irwin 10.00

1893.

Jan.	5.	Paid Rev. A. E. Truxal, traveling expenses . .	\$12.00	
Jan.	10.	Paid Rev. J. M. Schick, Stated Clerk, expenses at Irwin	2.19	
		Paid Rev. J. M. Schick, mailing and distributing minutes	19.76	
		Paid J. M. Schick, freight and cartage	3.25	
		Paid Rev. J. M. Schick, salary as Stated Clerk . .	50.00	
Feb.	23.	Paid Rev. R. C. Bowling, traveling expenses . .	3.60	
June	23.	Paid Rev. A. E. Truxal, traveling expenses . .	10.50	
		Paid for postage and stationery, Treasurer . . .	3.50	
		Paid Reformed Church Publishing House, pub- lishing minutes	125.88	
				\$248.08
Jan.	2.	Paid to apply on apportionment of General Synod to C. G. Gross, Treasurer		51.85

PAID TO MINISTERIAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

1893.

Feb.	4.	Paid to Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer	\$30.00	
May	16.	" " " " "	3.76	
Sept.		" " " " "	55.00	
				88.76

PAID TO CALVIN COLLEGE.

1893.

Sept.	2.	Paid to Rev. H. J. Ruetenik		25.59
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PAID TO BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1892.

Oct.	24.	Paid to Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer . .	\$100.00	
Dec.	8.	" " " " "	400.00	
Dec.	28.	" " " " "	90.00	
Feb.	4.	" " " " "	100.00	
Feb.	9.	" " " " "	200.00	
Feb.	23.	" " " " "	125.00	
March	25.	" " " " "	250.00	
April	26.	" " " " "	300.00	
May	9.	" " " " "	110.00	
				1,675.00

PAID OUT FOR HOME MISSIONS.

1892.

Oct.	7.	Paid to Mr. Chas. Santee, Treasurer	\$105.25	
Dec.	10.	" " " " "	145.53	
Dec.	30.	" " " " "	100.00	
1893.				
Jan.	5.	" " " " "	202.30	
Jan.	14.	" " " " "	105.49	

March	2.	Paid to Mr. Chas. Santee, Treasurer	. . . . .	\$145.25	
March	10.	" " " " "	. . . . .	249.50	
April	6.	" " " " "	. . . . .	53.00	
April	8.	" " " " "	. . . . .	460.75	
April	12.	" " " " "	. . . . .	97.37	
May	6.	" " " " "	. . . . .	25.97	
June	2.	" " " " "	. . . . .	123.94	
July	15.	" " " " "	. . . . .	231.07	
Sept.	20.	" " " " "	. . . . .	181.00	
Sept.	22.	" " " " "	. . . . .	633.00	
Sept.	22.	" " " " "	. . . . .	274.49	
				<u> </u>	\$3,133.91

PAID OUT FOR CHURCH EXTENSION.

1893.

Sept.	14.	To C. M. Boush, Treasurer	500.00
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PAID OUT TO REV. J. G. SHOEMAKER.

1892.

Oct.	28.	On appropriation	\$25.00
Dec.	27.	" "	25.00

1893.

Feb.	23.	" "	. . . . .	50.00
June	20.	" "	. . . . .	25.00
				<u> </u>
				125.00

PAID OUT TO REV. JOHN McCONNELL.

1893.

June	20.	On appropriation	125.00
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Balance that belongs to the following funds:

To Endowment of Theological Professorship	\$93.47
To Wichita College Endowment Fund	. . . . .	1.50
To Calvin College, Cleveland	. . . . .	26.10
To Church Extension Fund, short payment	. . . . .	250.00
To Home Mission Fund, short payment	. . . . .	1,066.09
To Franklin and Marshall College	. . . . .	24.12
To Theological Seminary, Lancaster	75.00
To General Fund purposes	137.35
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		1,673.63
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		\$7,646.79
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The Synod is still indebted to Jacob Byers, Esq.,

On Wichita Loan	\$422.82
Interest for one year	25.37
		<u> </u>
		\$448.19
		<u> </u>

Which could be paid in full, if the Classes indebted to said Fund would pay up their pledges, whereon is still due

From Somerset Classis	\$175.00
“ Allegheny Classis	425.00
“ Westmoreland Classis	50.00
	<u>\$650.00</u>
The apportionment of General Synod is	\$275.00
Payment thereon is	51.85
Leaving to be paid within the next two years	<u>\$223.15</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. M. BOUSH, *Treasurer.*

Report of Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee reported on Monday evening and the report was considered by items, and the items severally and the report as a whole was adopted as follows:

To Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

We have audited the Treasurer's report and found it correct with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$1,673.63.

We also find some of the Classes in arrears on the Wichita Fund as follows:

Somerset Classis	\$175.00
Allegheny Classis	425.00
Westmoreland Classis	50.00
	<u>\$650.00</u>

Of this amount \$422.82 is due Elder Jacob Byers, on which Synod must pay interest.

We find the several Classes in arrears in Classical Apportionment as follows:

Westmoreland Classis	\$1,645.54
Clarion Classis	1,641.06
Somerset Classis	2,417.37
St. Paul's Classis	1,402.74
Allegheny Classis	1,011.63

The following sums have been referred to our Committee for apportionment on the several Classes.

Home Missions	\$4,500.00
Beneficiary Education	1,700.00
Church Extension	750.00
Teacher of Elocution	75.00
Society for Relief of Ministers	325.00
Hungarian Missions	275.00
Contingent Expenses	250.00
Dr. Rupp's Moving Expenses	100.00
	<u>\$7,975.00</u>

We were also instructed to make a tentative apportionment upon the Classes of \$2,600 for Foreign Missions.

To meet the amount above assumed we recommend the following apportionment:

Westmoreland Classis	\$2,255.00
Clarion Classis	1,765.00
Somerset Classis	1,638.00
St. Paul's Classis	1,397.00
Allegheny Classis	920.00
	<u>\$7,975.00</u>

Tentative apportionment for Foreign Missions.

Westmoreland Classis	\$800.00
Clarion Classis	500.00
Somerset Classis	500.00
St. Paul's Classis	400.00
Allegheny Classis	400.00
	<u>\$2,600.00</u>

We offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved 1. That the several Classes be directed to instruct the congregations, Missionary Societies and Sunday-schools under them to transmit all their moneys for Foreign Missions excepting those raised for the support of Rev. H. K. Miller in such manner as to secure credit on the \$2,600 assumed by Synod.

Resolved 2. That the Classes still in debt to the Wichita Fund be urgently requested to pay their arrearages without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.

The Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at last meeting of Synod, and called up by Item 1 of the report of the Committee of Minutes of Synod, reported on Thursday afternoon which was adopted as a whole and is as follows :

To Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology presents the following as its report :

During the past Synodical year, to one of our co-laborers in the Gospel Ministry came the message, " Arise and depart for this is not your rest."

Rev. David Otto Shoemaker was born in Friends' Cove, Bedford County, Pa., March 30, 1833, and departed this life August 25, 1893, aged 60 years, 4 months and 25 days. He was the fourth child of a family of 14 children. His parents, Elder Philip J. Shoemaker and his wife Christina were devoted members of the Reformed Church.

He was baptized in infancy by Rev. George Leidy and was duly instructed in the doctrines of the Reformed Church, at home and in the Catechetical Class, and was confirmed in his 15th year by Rev. Matthew Irvin.

In early boyhood he had a desire to become a minister of the Gospel, but at times this desire would vanish ; finally impelled by a sense of duty he consecrated himself to the work of proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation.

His early school advantages were the public school and the Academy at Rainsburg, afterwards he took a partial course in Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa. After spending a period at teaching he entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., where he completed his course in July, 1860. In August of the same year he was licensed by Clarion Classis to preach the Gospel, and on September 9th was ordained and installed as pastor of Fairview Charge in Butler County, Pa. His brother, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, took part in the service of ordination and installation.

In this charge he closed his pastoral labors in September, 1865,

and the same month entered the St. Petersburg Charge. During his pastorate in the field the charge was divided, but he was, however, retained as pastor of the Salem and Monroeville congregations.

In November, 1874, he resigned this charge to begin pastoral work at Shamokin, where he labored till in the spring of 1879, when he received and accepted a call from the Augusta charge, which he served 3 years and 3 months. His next field of labor was the Nittany Valley Charge in Centre County. Here he labored 9 years. On the first day of June, 1891, he entered the Stoyestown charge, Somerset County, Pa. He labored in this his last field under trying circumstances, suffering much from bodily affliction. He remained at his work until February 26, 1893, when on his way to fill his second appointment he was stricken down. For three months his life was despaired of, but by the grace of God he was able to continue his labors two months longer, when his Master called him home.

He was twice married: First, to Esther Diehl, of Friend's Cove, Bedford County, who lived less than one year after marriage; second, to Elisabeth Jordan, of Aaronsburg, Centre County, Pa., by whom he had five children, two sons and three daughters.

After a life of 33 years of incessant and self-denying labor in the Gospel ministry, he was relieved and entered upon his reward in the Kingdom above.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. GARNER,

LUCIAN CORT, J. H. TWITMYER.

ARTICLE XXII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

All vacancies occurring in the Boards were referred to the Committee on Nominations, and this Committee, on Monday evening, reported to Synod a double set of candidates. The report was adopted, and the Committee instructed to have 200 tickets printed for use of Synod, and the election made the order of the day for Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

At the hour the president appointed Revs. G. E. Limbert, D. W. Kerr and Elders S. F. Baker and J. P. Kegg tellers, and the election was held, resulting as follows:

Trustee of Synod, Elder G. M. Hartzell; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. J. M. Schick, T. S. Land, H. S. Garner,

Elder A. O. Eberhar, *for unexpired term of W. E. Schmertz*, Elder J. M. Conroy, *in place of W. J. Ruch, declined*, Rev. John McConnell; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. J. F. Wiant, J. M. Schick; *Beneficiary Education*, Rev. J. F. Snyder, *for unexpired term of Rev. Skyles*, Rev. D. N. Dittmar; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. A. M. Keifer; *Sunday-school Board*, Rev. D. N. Harnish; *Publication Board*, Elder C. M. Boush; *Trustees of Theological Seminary*, Elders W. R. Barnhart, C. W. Truxal, P. Keil; *Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, Rev. A. J. Heller; *Trustees of F. and M. College*, B. Wolff, jr., Hon. H. P. Laird, Prof. E. Mackey; *Synodical Editor of "Messenger,"* Rev. D. B. Lady.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Elder G. M. Hartzell; *for four years*, Elder R. S. Jamison; *for three years*, Elder J. D. Meese; *for two years*, Elder W. G. King; *for one year*, Elder David Humphrey.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, Revs. J. M. Schick, D. D., T. S. Land, H. S. Garner, Elder A. O. Eberhart; *for three years*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., John McConnell, Elders J. T. Hamilton, Peter Keil; *for two years*, Elder R. S. Jamison, Revs. R. C. Bowling, C. R. Ferner, S. S. Miller; *for one year*, Rev. S. T. Wagner, Elders J. M. Conroy, B. Wolff, Jr., Prof. E. Mackey.

Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Revs. J. F. Wiant, J. M. Schick, D. D.; *for two years*, Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., A. M. Schmidt; *for one year*, Revs. D. N. Dittmar, R. F. Gass.

Board of Beneficiary Education.

For five years, Rev. J. F. Snyder; *for four years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.; *for three years*, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D.; *for two years*, Rev. D. N. Dittmar; *for one year*, Rev. Prof. Wm. Rupp, D. D.

Board of Home Missions.

For five years, Rev. A. M. Keifer; *for four years*, Rev. R. C. Bowling; *for three years*, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for two years*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.; *for one year*, Rev. A. J. Heller.

Sunday-school Board.

For five years, Rev. D. N. Harnish ; *for four years*, Elder C. W. Truxal ; *for three years*, Rev. A. M. Keifer ; *for two years*, Rev. J. J. Wagoner ; *for one year*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell.

Publication Board.

For four years, Elder C. M. Boush ; *for two years*, B. Wolff, Jr.
Synodical Members of the Board of Visitors to Theological Seminary.

Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., Rev. A. J. Heller.

Synodical Members of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Elders C. W. Truxal, P. Keil, W. R. Barnhart.

Synodical Members of Trustees of F. and M. College.

B. Wolff, Jr., Hon. H. P. Laird, Prof. E. Mackey.

Synodical Editor of Messenger, 1893-1896.

Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Centennial Celebration.

On Thursday afternoon under Item 17 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod, the Centennial Committee presented its report, which was adopted and the Treasurer of Synod directed to pay the balance due ; it is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

DEAR BRETHREN : The Committee appointed by you to arrange for a " Centennial Convention to be held at some central place on the 27th day of April, or on some day as near this date as possible," beg leave to offer the following report : A Convention celebrating the centennial of the autonomy of the Reformed Church in the United States, was held in the City of Pittsburgh, April 27th, at which the following programme was given :

Morning Session—Grace Church.

10:15 A. M. DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

10:30 A. M. OUR PIONEER DAYS, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D., Berlin, Pa.

11 A. M. THE SEPARATION FROM HOLLAND, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., Greenville, Pa.

11:30 A. M. THE CENTURY, 1793—1893, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., Manor Station, Pa.

Afternoon Session—Grace Church.

2 P. M. DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

2:15 P. M. OUR RELATION TO CALVINISM, Prof. J. I. Swander, D. D., Tiffin, O.

3 P. M. OUR RELATION TO GERMAN THEOLOGY, Prof. Wm. Rupp, D. D., Meyersdale, Pa.

3:45 P. M. OUR RELATION TO NEW THEOLOGY, Prof. J. C. Bowman, Lancaster, Pa.

Evening Session—St. Mark's Church.

7:45 P. M. DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

8 P. M. OUR INSTITUTIONS, Rev. D. B. Lady, Curllsville, Pa.

8:30 P. M. OUR MISSION IN THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF AMERICA. Open conference led by Profs. Swander and Bowman, followed by others.

Your Committee were also instructed to enter into correspondence with Committees of other Synods of the Church, looking towards a general celebration on the part of the whole Church. The result of such correspondence led to the organization of a Joint Synodical Committee, composed of representatives from the Eastern, the Potomac, the Ohio and Pittsburgh Synods. Other Synods, both English and German, were invited to coöperate.

Two sessions were held by this Joint Committee, the one in December, 1892, the other in February, 1893.

Among the several actions taken by this Joint Committee is the following:

Resolutions

Adopted at the Joint Meetings of the Committees of the Eastern, the Ohio, the Pittsburgh and the Potomac Synods, held December 1, 1892, and February 9, 1893, in the study of the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa:

WHEREAS, on the 30th of April, 1893, it will be one hundred years since the Reformed Church of the United States became a distinct and self-governing organization; therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we deem it eminently proper to celebrate this event in our history, on account of its importance, and in order that our people may have an opportunity in a suitable way to review gratefully the progress of the past, rejoice in the prosperity of the present, and take courage for the work of the future.

Resolved, 2, That we recommend that proper measures be at once adopted to bring this subject to the earnest and thoughtful attention of all our people; and that to this end the pastors of our churches everywhere be requested to put forth efforts to create an interest in this anniversary among their people; and that, through the medium of our Church papers, articles be published urging the importance of its celebration.

Resolved, 3, That all our congregations be earnestly requested to celebrate this anniversary in their respective places of worship on Sunday, April 30, 1893, as an important epoch in the history of our Church in this country; and that where this is not possible the preceding or the succeeding Sunday be devoted to this purpose: and, furthermore, that on said Sunday of April 30, all our Sunday-schools be also requested to hold appropriate services.

Resolved, 4, That all the Classes be and hereby are requested to set apart a portion of time at their annual meeting for 1893 for such Anniversary Services; and that their respective officers be requested to prepare in advance of such meeting a programme and appoint speakers for the occasion.

Resolved, 5, That the different Synods be requested at their next Annual Sessions to take note of this event in the way of summing up what has been done by their Classes and congregations, and by ordering such further appointment of services as they may deem proper; also, that the several committees of the different Synods be instructed to prepare a special service for said meeting, and submit the same to their respective Synods.

Resolved, 6, That we recommend a commemorative service during the Triennial Meeting of the General Synod in May, 1893, and that Rev. Dr. Bausman, in whose church the Synod will meet, together with the other Reformed pastors of Reading, Pa., prepare the programme and make all necessary arrangements for the service.

Resolved, 7, That the exercises pertaining to the Centennial Anniversary, especially those of the congregations, Classes and Synods, should consist of sermons, addresses and essays, having a bearing

on the history, doctrines, cultus and educational system of the Reformed Church, together with devotional services including Scripture lessons, prayer and praise.

Resolved, 8, That in addition to the religious and literary services that may be held as an expression of gratitude to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the whole of this Centennial should be turned to account for the benefit of the benevolent operations of the Church by affording to every one an opportunity of making a special, free-will offering to the Lord ; and further, that each committee shall make recommendation to its Classes and Synod in regard to the particular purpose to which these contributions shall be devoted, unless the Synod has already designated the object.

Resolved, 9, That inasmuch as there is a disposition in different parts of the Church to hold a popular meeting of our Church in Chicago in connection with the Religious Congresses of the World's Columbian Exposition to be held there, and a day and a room have been assigned to us for this purpose, namely, September 21st, the General Synod be requested by our officers to authorize such a convention, and adopt such action as may be recommended to it by the Joint Committee of the Synods, or as it may deem expedient.

Resolved, 10, That we adopt and have stamped with a suitable design and inscription, a "Centennial Medal," to be sold during the year ; and that the proceeds of its sale be devoted to Foreign Missions.

Resolved, 11, That we recommend to each Committee of the different Synods, that it make provision for supplying each pastor with suitable envelopes to be distributed among the people for the Centennial offerings to be made during the year.

Resolved, 12, That the pastors of the different congregations be requested to keep a separate account of the Centennial offerings of their people, and report the same to the treasurers of their respective Classes ; and that the treasurers of Classes be requested to report separately the totals of the same to the treasurers of their respective Synods, so that an account of these offerings may appear in the printed minutes of the Synods.

In conjunction with the World's Parliament of Religions held in Chicago, our Reformed Church, through its Joint Synodical Committee arranged for and presented the following programme :

Hall of Washington—Memorial Art Palace.

"The Reformed Church and Her Creed," Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., Pittsburgh Synod.

"The Progress of the Century," Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., Eastern Synod, *English*; Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., Central Synod, *German*.

"The Doctrinal Status and Development of the Reformed Church in the United States," Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D., LL. D., Eastern Synod.

"The Literary and Theological Institutions of the Reformed Church in the United States," Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., Ohio Synod, *English*; Rev. Frank Grether, Synod of the Northwest, *German*.

"The Practical and Benevolent Operations of the Reformed Church," Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Potomac Synod.

In addition to the above report the following bill of expenses and receipts is presented for your approval.

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT, C. R. FERNER,
D. H. LEADER, C. W. TRUXAL.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD in account with SYNOD'S CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.
DR.

To Postage, Telegrams, Paper, etc.,	\$2.75
" Printing 55 Postal Cards and Cards,	2.00
" " 2000 Programmes,	24.75
Express on Programmes	1.25
Printing Envelopes and Circulars,	36.00
" and Postage, Rev. C. Knepper,	3.50
" Circulars general, Rev. J. O. Miller,	2.00
Dinner Tickets for Speakers, etc.,	5.00
Prof. J. I. Swander,	10.00
Prof. J. C. Bowman,	10.00
A. M. Schmidt, 2 Trips to Lancaster and return, Joint Committee,	18.00
C. R. Ferner, attending Meetings, Printing, etc. (see bill)	7.25
D. H. Leader, " "	5.50
C. W. Truxal, " 2 "	12.80
	<hr/> \$140.80

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Credit by Cash received for Advertisement on Programme	\$40.00
" " Collection, Grace Church, April 27, 1893,	13.53
" " " St. Mark's " "	17.48
" " Cash received for Envelopes, etc., from Treas. Classes,	36.00
	<hr/> \$107.01
Balance due Committee	<hr/> <u>\$33.79</u>

Relief Society.

On Friday afternoon under Item 16 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, the following communication was received and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. D. H. Leader, E. H. Otting and Elder J. M. Conroy, viz :

To the Rev. Synod of Pittsburgh.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN : The following is a statement of moneys received and expended on account of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," within the bounds of your reverend body, for the year closing September 30, 1893 :

RECEIPTS.

Allegheny Classis,	\$154.38
Westmoreland Classis,	133.30
St. Paul's Classis,	103.06
Clarion Classis,	65.00
Somerset Classis,	31.42
	<u>\$487.16</u>

EXPENDED.

Westmoreland Classis,	\$150.00
Clarion Classis,	75.00
St. Paul's Classis,	50.00
	<u>\$275.00</u>

A place is asked in your minutes for the enclosed statement of the operations of the Society during the past year.

Yours Fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers presents for the information of the church and for record in the minutes of your Synod the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 30, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report,	\$3,496.22
" from Call Loans,	7,534.05
" " Collections in the Churches,	2,518.02
" " Interest on Loans,	506.95
" " Miscellaneous Sources,	279.57
	<u>\$14,334.81</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Cash Paid for Investment,	\$9,700.00
“ “ “ 40 Annuitants,	2,140.00
“ in Treasury,	2,396.00
“ for Expenses,	98.81
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	\$14,334.81

Invested Fund \$31,550.

In the year now closing twenty-nine widows or dependents of deceased ministers, and eleven disabled ministers have been helped by the Society. In the coming year the annuity list will be increased by at least four more needing aid. The cash in the treasury will possibly all be required to meet the appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Society in October next.

The membership of the Society has been enlarged by the addition of thirty-six life and four annual members from the collections and contributions received to wit:

Life Members, Revs. M. H. Diefenderfer, Wm. A. Hale, D. D., D. R. Taylor, Lewis Reiter, John A. Hoffheins, D. D., R. Leighton Gerhart, S. H. Phillips, S. E. Stofflet, A. R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, R. B. Reichard, D. O. Shoemaker, Wm. A. Helffrich, D. D., A. J. Herman, Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., W. W. Clouser, W. A. Haas, Harry F. Dittmar, W. E. Krebs, E. D. Miller, C. Gumbert, T. S. Land, S. C. Stover, H. Hilbish, W. Delaney, L. Cort, Jas. Grant, J. F. Snyder, J. D. Miller, A. Warner, A. Spangler, Charles Knepper, H. D. Darbaker, E. E. Hiester, Jas. A. Schultz and R. S. Apple.

Annual Members, Revs. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., F. Strassner, W. Walenta, John A. Peters, D. D.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICH, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa., *President*.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, Middletown, Md., *Secretary*.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, St. Petersburg, *Treasurer*.

The Report of Committee on Foregoing Report.

The committee to which this report was referred on Monday evening presented the following report, which was adopted, viz:

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN, your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, would respectfully report that we have examined this paper and find the society to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The whole amount of receipts for the year was \$10,838.59 and expenditures for support of annuitants and for current needs were \$2,238.81, and \$9,700 has been added to the invested funds of society, raising that fund to the sum of \$31,550; twenty-nine widows or dependents of deceased ministers and eleven disabled ministers were given aid by the society during the past year.

There appears to be an increased interest taken in the work of this society by pastors and people throughout the church, and contributions are becoming more general and liberal from year to year.

In view of all we suggest the following action :

Resolved 1st, That Synod learns with pleasure of the prosperous condition of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and views with gratification its prospect for increased growth and greater usefulness in the important work it aims to accomplish.

Resolved 2d, That we again commend this Society to the prayers and liberality of the Church, and urge upon all our pastors and people, through their several Classes, the need of giving to it a still more liberal support, that it may be better equipped to meet the demands made upon it for a more adequate relief of the faithful servants of the Church, who have become disabled in the sacred work to which they consecrated their lives.

Respectfully submitted, D. H. LEADER,
E. H. OTTING.

For Relief of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

Item 12 of Report of Committee on Overtures brought to the Synod's especial attention the case of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, and the item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. A. K. Kline, S. T. Wagner, Elder C. J. Otto, which reported on Friday morning, and the report was adopted and is as follows :

Your Committee to whom was referred Item 12 of the Report of Committee on Overtures after duly considering the matter recommend that the sum of \$125, which is given annually to the Rev. J. G. Shoemaker be increased to \$200 annually ; also that this sum be paid through the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Respectfully submitted, A. K. KLINE,
C. J. OTTO.

Sympathy.

The attention of Synod being called to the bereavement of Rev. J. M. Evans the following resolutions were on Monday morning adopted:

Resolved, That Synod has learned with deep regret of Rev. J. M. Evans' sore bereavement in the death of his beloved wife, and hereby expresses its deep sympathy with the brother in his distress, and prays that the Lord in His great goodness may sustain and comfort him, with His heavenly grace in this the hour of his great need.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate this action to the afflicted brother.

Excused.

Revs. J. M. Evans, D. G. Klein, A. R. Kremer, D. D., were excused for not attending the sessions of Synod.

Rev. J. D. Thomas was excused from attendance upon the sessions of Synod after Friday afternoon.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

On Friday afternoon Revs. J. McConnell, R. F. Gass and Elder Ed. Whitling were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, with plenary power to excuse. This committee reported on Monday evening, and the report was on motion received and ordered to be recorded, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully report as follows:

Elder C. J. Otto was excused after Friday afternoon session.

Rev. I. N. Burger, Elders Jos. Rumbaugh, Clark McElroy, John Fox, after Saturday morning session.

Revs. D. H. Leader, A. M. Schmidt, Elders J. D. Daubenspeck, Jacob Brinker, T. A. Giles, after Saturday afternoon session.

Revs. S. S. Miller, L. T. Lampe, Elders P. Klingler, Ed. Whitling from and after Monday morning session.

Revs. H. King, J. H. Apple, D. D., after Monday morning session.

Revs. E. H. Otting, D. N. Harnish, P. C. Prugh, D. D., J. H. Prugh, D. D., A. S. Glessner, Elders J. H. Twitmyer, M. D., and John Laver, from this evening's session.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MCCONNELL,
R. F. GASS.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

On Monday afternoon Synod entered upon selection of time and place for holding the next meeting of Synod.

It was *Resolved* to meet in General Convention on second Wednesday in October, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

An invitation was extended by the Reformed churches at Greensburg, Pa., when it was *Resolved* that we accept the invitations from the Reformed churches of Greensburg, Pa., and that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in the Second Reformed Church.

Instructions to the Treasurer.

On Monday evening it was *resolved* that the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay to Rev. A. M. Keifer, *pastor loci*, the sum of ten dollars to defray incidental expenses.

The Treasurer, at the same session, was authorized to pay the expenses incurred in publishing the exercises of the installation of Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., as Professor of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

The Treasurer, at the same session, was directed to pay to Rev. A. J. Heller \$1.75 to defray the expense of printing ballots for use of Synod.

Reporters.

On Thursday morning Revs. W. H. Bates, J. H. Prugh, D. D., T. S. Land and J. N. Naly were appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the Greenville, Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Meadville papers.

Minute Book.

The Stated Clerk, on Monday morning, called attention to the Record Book, as being too full to hold the minutes of another meeting, and he was directed to procure a suitable book for engrossing the minutes of Synod.

Clerk's Salary.

On Monday afternoon the salary of the Stated Clerk for this term, was fixed at \$75 per annum.

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ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

At the opening of every session the roll was called and a quorum found present at each. The minutes were read, corrected and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of Synod.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted :

Resolved, That we gratefully tender our thanks and acknowledge our indebtedness to the pastor and members of Zion's Reformed Church, Greenville, Pa., who have so kindly and generously opened to this Synod their hospitable homes and beautiful church during our sojourn in their midst.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and are hereby tendered to the several railroad companies that granted reduced rates to the members of Synod, and that the Stated Clerk notify the proper officials of this action.

At final roll call at the close of the sessions, Elder Ph. Bittenbender was absent and unexcused.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned finally at 9:50 o'clock, P. M. Monday, October 2, 1893, to meet in *general convention* in the Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., on the second Wednesday in October, (the 10th day), A. D. 1894, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Synod closed with divine services, consisting of Confession of the Apostles' Creed, singing the Gloria in Excelsis, praying the Lord's Prayer, singing Long Metre Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the President.

CYRUS R. DIEFFENBACHER, *President*.

J. M. SCHICK, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

J. M. SCHICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSES.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.		Members.		Unconvinced.		Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Received by Certificate.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Recommenced.	Erasure of Names.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Missions.	Contributions.		Church Papers.	Sunday School Papers.	Post Office Address.
		Congregations.	Members.	Unconvinced.	Members.	Infants.	Adults.																
Jacob F. Snyder.	Emmanuel.	1	289	276	22	1	20	6	261	12		20	1	174		\$444 15	\$1225 00	233		Manor Dale, Pa.			
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.	1st, Greensburg.	1	540	300	40	4	38	15	480	25		35	2	420	3	1290 04	2150 00	75	400	Greensburg, Pa.			
William H. Bates.	St. John's.	1	149	90	22	3	14	12	106	12		22	1	110	1	53 64	1479 39	14	50	184 Sons St., Johnstown, Pa.			
Albert E. Truxal, D. D.	Brush Creek.	4	470	243	20	2	17	2	405	8		4	3	175	1	2126 50	1300 00	200	150	Manor Station, Pa.			
Samuel H. Deitzel.	Pleasant Unity.	3	267	101	20	4	23	2	252	17		4	7	178	1	505 45	896 10	76	186	Pleasant Unity, Pa.			
Cyrus M. Hartsell.	Larrobe.	4	325	195	20	9	14	32	290	10		5	4	450	1	451 00	2065 00	60	400	Larrobe, Pa.			
Charles R. Ferner.	Mt. Pleasant.	2	233	125	14	3	16	7	202	6		9	1	160		406 00	1200 00	48	170	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.			
John N. Bauman.	Salem.	2	240	180	16	6	18	7	227	5		8	2	240		426 22	752 00	44	25	Delmont, Pa.			
Nehemiah H. Skyles.	Grace.	1	123	95	12	8	6	11	108	7		6	1	110		125 00	1131 00	25	90	Jeannette, Pa.			
John H. Mickley.	Scottsdale.	3	147	75	12	17	17	12	133	10		2	2	206		182 46	933 68	27	160	Scottsdale, Pa.			
Franklin E. Lauffer.	Salina.	2	194	65	24	3	4	2	156	10		1	2	161		281 53	539 28	37	150	Salina, Pa.			
David N. Dittmar.	2d, Greensburg.	1	303	128	9	28	16	16	259	4		25	3	161		1638 78	1987 28	122	115	Greensburg, Pa.			
David A. Souders.	Irwin.	2	323	230	30	1	28	10	275	4		25	2	270		304 72	1216 05	122	115	Irwin, Pa.			
Isalah N. Burger.	Harrold's.	3	272	210	14	9	33	2	222	2		2	2	256		133 50	5025 53	46	280	Greensburg, Pa.			
Charles W. Summey.	Pine Run.	2	174	98	10	11	4	4	248	4		2	1	100		179 21	650 83	25		North Washington, Pa.			
Lucian Cort.	Without charge.																			Greensburg, Pa.			
John McConnell.	"																			Salina, Pa.			
James Grant.	"																			East End, Pittsburgh, Pa.			
John N. Naly.	Denmark Manor.																			Apollo, Pa.			
Without pastor.																				Harrison City, Pa.			
Licentiate Takeo Noya.																							
Charges, 16.		32	4071	2474	53	258	262	3516	122		237	184	26	3010	7	8569 09	19650 94	952	2016				

* Rev. S. H. Deitrel received since annual meeting. † Rev. N. H. Skyles dismissed to Virginia Classis; Grace church, Jeannette, vacant at present. ‡ Rev. F. E. Lauffer dismissed, and Salina and Pine Run united and served by Rev. Summey. § Rev. John M. Evans received since annual meeting; Denmark Manor statistics included in Brush Creek charge. ¶ Rev. John N. Naly, missionary at Apollo, took charge July 1st. || Last year's report.

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Congregations.		Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Received by Certificate.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resignature of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Sunday School Papers.	Church Papers.	Post Office Address.
		Members.			Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation' Purposes.			
Robert C. Bowling	Kittanning.	1	246	148	14	4	13	15	200	11		4	5	1	105	1	\$25	\$1000	110	25	Kittanning, Pa.
Jacob F. Wiant	Paradise	4	387	387	35	4	30	13	516	18		2	15	4	415	1	898	5634	180	60	Troutville, Pa.
Samuel T. Wagner	Beaver	2	428	254	10	1	18	4	387	6		11	4	2	185	1	737	914	180	75	Monroe, Pa.
David B. Ledy, D. D.	Carlisleville	4	390	267	27	2	14	12	563	0		2	9	4	230	1	649	892	180	60	Carlisleville, Pa.
Robert E. Crum	Du Bois	2	181	106	6	2	3	13	81	2		2	1	1	35	1	114	1484	60	35	Du Bois, Pa.
Richard F. Gass	Red Bank	4	365	154	22	5	20	10	339	7		5	2	3	247	1	891	917	60	35	Hawthorne, Pa.
Christian Gumbert	South Bend	3	187	82	11	1	3	2	165	17		10	7	2	140	1	115	665	60	35	Girty, Pa.
Johnson J. Wagoner	Embleton	2	174	168	3	1	12	6	133	3		16	7	2	100	1	164	860	75	37	Embleton, Pa.
Simon S. Miller	St. Petersburg	1	215	135	5	5	5	5	160	12		10	2	1	130	1	210	800	75	37	St. Petersburg, Pa.
David W. Kerr	St. John's	3	142	122	6	5	5	5	116	1		8	2	3	175	1	560	95	95	8	Worthville, Pa.
Joel G. Shoemaker	Disabled	4	411	397	22	2	15	5	356	3		2	2	4	300	1	221	1226	1226	6	Braddock, Pa.
William C. Haupt	Plum Creek	2																			Venus, Pa.
Vacant	Tionesta	3																			
Vacant		31	3369	2151	161	20	147	84	2755	83		68	5168	1062	1062	3	\$4134	\$14509	805	423	
Charges, 22																					

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	Congregations.		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resignation of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Periodicals.		Post Office Address.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation ¹ Purposes.	Church Papers.	S. S. Papers.	
John D Thomas.	Zion's.	4	270	287	8	4	4	4	3	212	2	1	1	5	3	27	180	1	\$185	\$710	4	4	Cochran, Pa.
John M Schick, D D.	Shenango.	4	577	590	26	2	2	73	8	555	2	2	2	21	4	35	425	1	621	1197	73	73	Greenville, Pa.
Daniel H. Leader.	Saegertown.	3	309	305	8			5	8	241	4			5	3	23	143		292	1104	26	26	Saegertown, Pa.
Thomas S. Land.	Meadville.	2	481	505	15	3	3	20	14	285	5	9	9	4	2	24	228	1	236	1254	33	33	Meadville, Pa.
A. Marion Keifer.	Greenville.	2	472	522	26	2	2	14	14	407	10			13	2	34	320	1	432	3738	96	96	Greenville, Pa.
U. Oliver H. Kerschner.	Sharpville.	2	240	198	7	2	2	14	23	195	10			8	2	22	184		205	1203	22	22	Sharpville, Pa.
Joseph H Apple, D D.	Ass't at Saegertown.	1	161	75	10			12	3	75				6	1	20	30		78	700	7	7	Saegertown, Pa.
Vacant, supplied by F Emmer.	St Paul's, Sharon.	2	87	20	3	2	2	14	5	77				6	2	7	35		20	194			Sharon, Pa.
Vacant.	Grove City.	2																					Grove City, Pa.
† Frederick Emmer.																							Sharon, Pa.
† Licentiate George E. Lambert.																							Balm, Pa.
Charges, \$.		20	2617	2242	103	15	101	70	70	1048	37	8	8	59	181	180	1574	21	\$2079	\$10130	214	214	580

* Dismissed to Somerset Classis September 11, 1893. † Installed pastor at St. Paul's, Sharon, July 9, 1893. ‡ Ordained and installed pastor of Grove City charge June 11, 1893.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.				Baptisms.		Confirmed.	By Certificate of Renewal of Profession.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated. Surname of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and (Officers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Periodi- cals.		Post Office Address.
		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.	Benevolent Purposes.	(Congregation) Purposes.											Church Papers.	S. S. Papers.			
Benjamin Knepper	Wellsburg	4	138	140	24	2	13	115	0	1	8	40	1	144	1	145	12	1	1	1	1	Wellsburg, Pa.
Hiram King	Somerset	4	295	125	3	5	13	231	1	1	18	144	1	339	1	495	788	15	43	125	1	Somerset, Pa.
John M. Evans	Paradise	4	538	463	52	1	9	449	15	1	49	339	1	150	1	917	917	34	34	110	1	Elk Lick, Pa.
Abner K. Kremer, D. D.	Berlin	4	259	198	4	1	10	219	7	1	23	150	1	100	1	589	960	28	28	40	1	Berlin, Pa.
Andrew J. Heller	Zion	4	299	226	8	1	11	248	4	1	14	100	1	170	1	1163	724	30	30	75	1	Berlin, Pa.
Alvin G. Gelester	Frostburg	2	295	160	26	1	13	210	4	1	20	170	1	275	1	167	950	30	30	75	1	Frostburg, Md.
Wm. Rupp, D. D.	Meyersdale	1	355	260	14	1	13	296	3	1	24	275	1	300	1	412	2080	27	27	1800	1	Meyersdale, Pa.
David O. Shoemaker	Stoyestown	4	219	86	2	1	4	305	7	1	15	80	1	300	1	217	1800	27	27	1800	1	Stoyestown, Pa.
Addison C. Snyder	Willis Creek	4	336	270	35	4	8	381	9	1	34	300	1	240	1	123	641	27	27	100	1	Glencoe, Pa.
Samuel C. Long	New Centerville	3	295	134	2	1	15	158	0	1	17	120	1	155	1	21	170	6	6	32	1	Glade, Pa.
Albert S. Gleaner	Cumberland	2	98	61	6	1	2	50	0	1	20	140	1	155	1	15	2000	5	5	32	1	Hyadman, Pa.
Lewis T. Lampe	Beam	4	237	144	7	1	2	203	0	1	24	155	1	203	1	666	50	168	168	532	1	Sipesville, Pa.
Charges, 12		37	3268	2267	201	16	67	2698	57	1	184	5716	2	2031	2	8476	81030	2	2	532	1	

* Since resigned and dismissed to another Classis.

† Charge has lately been divided and a new charge called Wilhelm formed, to which Rev. E. S. Haseler has been called.

‡ Deceased.

§ Taken charge since annual meeting.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal of Profession.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Periodicals.		Post Office Address.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Beneficent Purposes.	Congregation's Purposes.	Church Papers.	S. S. Papers.		
Harry D. Derkaker	First Reformed church	1	108	60	10		1	18	82	4		7	1	1	62			\$77	\$1756			McKeesport, Pa.
Charles Knepper	Without charge																				Massfield Valley, Pa.	
John H. Prugh	Grace	1	427	249	28	8	10	30	353	8	10	9	1	127				4500	5365	100	100	202 Colhart Sq., Pittsburgh.
Peter C. Prugh, D. D.	Supt. Orphans' Home																				Butler, Pa.	
Milton F. Frank	Without charge																				Tiffin, O.	
James S. Freeman	Trinity	1	147	60	9	1	3	7	111		1	1	2	243				186	1837	10	130	Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Daniel N. Harnish	St. Paul's	9	307	189	24	13	50	26	289	38	4	4	2	320				646	1503	85	120	Butler, Pa.
Edward H. Otting	Grace	1	259	173	26	4	10	7	215		2	2	1	215				764	1300			Harmony, Pa.
Edgar S. Hassler	Calvary	1	94	88	20	1	6	11	86		6	4	1	114				158	870	14		Turtle Creek, Pa.
Henry S. Garner	Fairview	2	200	95	10	1	13	8	191	15	28	1	2	140				240	837			Baldwin, Pa.
David G. Klein	St. Paul's, Sugar Creek	1	180	121	21		13	3	130	4	1	4	1	70				111	430			Adams, Pa.
Henry E. Snyder	Bethany	1	60	61	5		3	4	54	1	14	1	1	88				45	650			Butler, Pa.
John Kovacs	First Hungarian	9	363	56	33		2	160	270	170	2	28	1	63				800	1700	35	100	Bates st., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Ambrose M. Schmidt	St. Mark's Memorial	1	94	42	5		9	24	75	6	3	1	1	58				1285	2435			216 Shady av., "
Alpha K. Kline	St. Luke's	1	56	44	13		5	6	45	6	3	1	1	58				95	837			375 Camp av., Braddock.
Charges, 15		28	2289	1238	194	21	185	307	1921	846	59	56	231	2388	2			\$8607	\$18261	264	350	

* Dismissed to Somerset Classis August 31, 1893. Present address, Kelm, Somerset county, Pa.

SUMMARY OF PITTSBURGH S^{YN}OD FOR 1893.

CLASSES.	Synods.		Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Baptism of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		
	Churches.	Members.					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Communicated.	Beneficent Purpose.	Church Papers.
Westmoreland	1	5	63	142	15614	9436	943	145	166	266	121	3	306	306	111	446	10067	13	\$28165	\$73054	10234383	
OTHER SYNODS.																						
Eastern	11	272	497	90990	50869	5513	5513	501	4520	2414	73690	1361	3	1207	2365	608	7116	64858	106	94611	370946	
Ohio	1	6	108	218	30236	5979	775	420	1036	703	17181	533	616	307	303	203	2702	12053	37	18762	86232	
Northwest	110	146	300	19314	13472	1832	25	968	860	14840	130	338	417	182	1109	11069	39	14886	117113			
Potomac	1	9	160	35065	21103	1897	349	1715	616	28830	598	978	760	375	2568	25486	57	40457	150074			
German of the East	1	5	50	47	13225	9489	2138	7	678	10901	116	512	554	46	3029	29884	6	7710	83183			
Central	1	4	113	18047	11072	1194	31	786	791	13498	188	6	485	416	203	1119	11516	21	10014	31431		
Interior	1	3	40	2814	1516	104	37	101	206	2053	55	0	75	31	53	475	2955	5	3314	16914		
Total for 1893	8	35	922	15912	216436	122926	14455	1545	10365	7114	272221	3535	31	389	5180	1981	15156	153884	284	\$206019	\$981347	
Statistics for 1892	8	35	885	1583	216830	121037	14526	1504	10758	7431	169314	3022	30751	51301	1961	149023	149023	285	\$203321	\$96050		

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., October 10th to 16th, 1894.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met, pursuant to resolution taken at its last meeting, in *General Convention*, on Wednesday evening, October 10th, 1894, in the Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., and was opened with divine services. The opening sermon was, by the appointment of the retiring president, preached by Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., of Butler, Pa., from the text, "And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." Acts ii: 47.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers Present: Revs. J. F. Snyder, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., W. H. Bates, C. M. Hartzel,^{1 2} C. R. Ferner, J. N. Bauman, J. H. Mickley, D. N. Dittmar, D. A. Souders, I. N. Burger, C. W. Summy,^{1 2} J. M. Evans, S. H. Dietzel, E. D. Meixell,^{1 2} L. Cort, John McConnell,^{1 1} D. S. Stephan, James Grant.^{2 1 2}

Elders: Samuel Remaly,⁹ S. F. Baker, Jas. P. Kegg, A. Cort, J. Byers,¹ A. Leonard,¹ J. Korn,^{1 8} W. R. Barnhart, J. Hershey,^{1 1} J. Weible, Urias Learn,^{4 1 2} H. Beamer,^{1 1 1} John Fiscus,^{1 0} William Bortz,^{1 1 2} D. V. Crowell.¹

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers Present: Revs. S. T. Wagner, R. F. Gass, S. S. Miller, Z. W. Showers, J. F. Wiant,¹ R. C. Bowling,² J. N. Naly,² R. E. Crum,^{3 9} C. Gumbert,³ D. W. Kerr.⁵

Elders : Peter Klingler,¹⁰ H. H. Hartman, L. E. Weber, Felix Stahlman, W. G. King, Jacob Wingard, J. B. Smith,¹² G. F. Weber,¹ Henry Bush.¹

Charges not represented by Elders . Kittanning, Emlenton, St. Petersburg.

III.—St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers Present : Revs. J. D. Thomas, T. S. Land, A. M. Keifer, Geo. E. Limbert, D. B. Lady, D. D., F. M. Line,¹ Lewis P. Goerrig,^{2, 11} U. O. H. Kershner.^{3, 12}

Elders : Henry Knodler, C. M. Bousch,⁷ Jacob Moser, A. B. Uber, Levi Moyer, W. W. Deichman,^{1, 10}

Charges not represented by an Elder : St. Paul's and Sharpville.

IV.—Somerset Classis.

Ministers Present : Revs. Hiram King, A. R. Kremer, D. D., A. J. Heller, D. D., A. C. Snyder, S. C. Long, A. S. Glessner, L. T. Lampe, E. S. Hassler, D. H. Leader, F. Wetzel, H. Dieckman,⁹ A. E. Truxal, D. D., W. Rupp, D. D.¹

Elders : Henry G. Hay, J. Poorbaugh,¹⁰ J. C. Weller, John Sides, P. S. Hay, J. H. Zimmerman, A. K. Stahl, C. Poschman, W. P. Hay,⁹ Eli Stanton,¹⁰ C. W. Truxal.⁶

Charges not represented by an Elder : Wellersburgh and Berlin.

V.—Allegheny Classis.

Ministers Present : Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., P. C. Prugh, D. D., J. S. Freeman, D. N. Harnish, H. S. Garner, H. E. Snyder, A. M. Schmidt, A. K. Kline, J. J. Wagoner, H. D. Darbaker, C. Knepper.^{5, 12}

Elders : A. O. Eberhart,⁹ Samuel Mock, J. S. Wiles,¹¹ H. Sarver, J. M. Conroy,¹ A. B. Gowey,^{1, 8} G. W. Kline.

Charges not represented by an Elder : Grace, Harmony, First Church McKeesport.

Advisory Members.

From German Synod, East New York Classis.—Rev. Paul Sommerlatte, Harbor Missionary.

From Eastern Synod, Lancaster Classis.—Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D., President Franklin and Marshall College, Rev. R. W. Miller, Secretary of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board. *Philadelphia.*—Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., Publisher of Church Periodicals, etc. *Wyoming.*—Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher.

From Potomac Synod, Carlisle Classis.—Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. *Juniata.*—Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

From Interior Synod, Iowa Classis.—Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Superintendent Board of Missions of General Synod.

Elders.—B. Wolff, Jr., G. P. Frey, Henry Hugus, A. C. McGill, J. Brinker.

Ministers of other Churches.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Revs. W. F. Ullery, A. L. Yount, D. D., F. W. C. Peschan, D. D., S. K. Herbster.

Baptist Church, Rev. A. J. Meek, D. D.

Presbyterian Church, Revs. A. J. Marquis, W. W. Moorhead, D. D.

United Brethren Church, Rev. W. R. Funk.

African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. W. Young.

NOTE.—¹ Appeared Thursday morning. ² Appeared Thursday afternoon. ³ Appeared Friday morning. ⁴ Appeared Friday afternoon. ⁵ Appeared Saturday morning. ⁶ Occupied the seat of C. Poschman at several sessions. ⁷ Was excused on Thursday afternoon. ⁸ Excused from Saturday morning. ⁹ Excused from Saturday afternoon. ¹⁰ Excused from Monday morning. ¹¹ Excused from Monday noon. ¹² Excused from Monday evening session and last roll call.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev P. C. Prugh, D. D., of Butler, Pa., was chosen *President*.

Elder W. R. Barnhart, of Greensburg, Pa., *Vice President*.

Rev. J. H. Mickley, of Scottdale, Pa., *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. H. S. Garner, of Baldwin, Pa., *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., Harmony, Pa., *Treasurer*.

Rev. J. H. Mickley was appointed *Stated Clerk pro. tem.*, at opening of Wednesday evening session.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the rules of order was dispensed with. The first nine rows of pews were designated as the Bar of the House.

The sessions of Synod were held alternately in the First and Second Reformed Churches, of Greensburg. The session hours adopted by Synod were as follows: To meet at 9 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., and to adjourn at 11:30 o'clock A. M. and 4:30 o'clock P. M.

These hours were observed, except that on Saturday and Monday afternoons Synod met at 3:45 o'clock and 1:30 o'clock, and adjournment was extended to 5 o'clock. The time for adjournment was extended to 11:45 o'clock Monday morning, and 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. A business session was also held on Monday evening, from 7:30 to 9:45 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President, at the opening of Thursday's session, immediately after the completed organization, appointed the following standing committees:

On Religious Service.—Revs. D. N. Dittmar, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., C. R. Ferner, Elders S. F. Baker and Peter Klingler.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. S. T. Wagner, H. E. Snyder, Geo. E. Limbert, Elders Samuel Remaly and H. H. Hartman.

Overtures.—Revs. A. J. Heller, D. D., A. K. Kline, T. S. Land, Elders Henry Knodler and Henry G. Hay.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. M. Evans, S. H. Dietzel, H. S. Garner, Elders Samuel Mock and Henry Carver.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination: Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., A. R. Kremer, D. D., John McConnell, Elders J. C. Weller and J. H. Zimmerman.

State of the Church.—Revs. J. N. Bauman, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., S. C. Long, Elders A. Cort and L. E. Weber.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., Hiram King, A. M. Keifer, Elders P. S. Hay, Jacob Moser.

Missions.—Revs. J. F. Snyder, J. H. Prugh, D. D., D. A. Souders, Elders C. M. Bousch and W. R. Barnhart.

On Institutions of Learning.—Revs. S. S. Miller, C. M. Hartzel, C. W. Summey, Elders J. B. Smith and J. C. Weller.

Education.—Revs. R. F. Gass, Prof. L. Cort, J. D. Thomas, Elders J. S. Wiles, Jacob Wingard.

Publication.—Revs. A. R. Kremer, D. D., F. M. Line, A. S. Glessner, Elders J. Hershey and W. G. King.

Nominations.—Revs. D. H. Leader, J. J. Wagoner, E. S. Hassler, Elders A. O. Eberhart, William Bortz.

Finance.—Revs. J. S. Freeman, I. N. Burger, F. Wetzel, Elders Levi Moyer and L. E. Weber.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. A. M. Schmidt, H. Dieckman, C. Gumbert, Elders H. Sarver, John Poorbaugh.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. A. M. Schmidt, A. M. Keifer, D. N. Harnish, Elders John Sides and A. B. Uber.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod, and of the Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committees.

2. The reports of the several Boards of Synod were read and referred to the proper committees.

3. Thirteen other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with devotional services.

The Committee on Religious Services reported at various times, and the report as finally adopted is as follows :

To Pittsburgh Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Religious Services reports as follows :

Thursday Evening.—Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Synod.

Services were conducted by Revs. A. J. Heller, D. D., J. F. Snyder and J. F. Wiant, the only surviving members of the Synod at that time present.

Historical Address by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.

Friday Evening.—The Sunday Schools' Interests.

Addresses by Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., D. S. Fouse, D. D., J. S. Freeman and R. W. Miller.

Saturday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Preparatory services were held in both the First and Second Reformed Churches, the sermon in the former by Rev. H. D. Darbaker, and in the latter by Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner.

Saturday Evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Services conducted by Rev. John McConnell.

Addresses:—1. "Orphans' Home," Revs. S. T. Wagner and P. C. Prugh, D. D.

2. "Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows," Revs. S. S. Miller and T. S. Land.

Sunday Morning, 10:30.—Holy Communion.

First Church, altar services, Revs. C. R. Ferner, D. S. Stephan and D. N. Harnish.

Sermon by Rev. Prof. Wm. Rupp, D. D.

Second Church, altar services, Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. D., and A. R. Kremer, D. D.

Sermon by Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

Sunday, 2:30—Sunday School.

First Church, addresses by Revs. D. W. Kerr and A. M. Keifer.

Second Church, addresses by Revs. J. D. Thomas and E. S. Hassler.

Sunday Evening—Service in First Church—Missions.

Services conducted by Rev. J. F. Wiant.

Addresses by Revs. D. H. Leader, R. C. Bowling, S. N. Callender, D. D., and Mrs. Wm. Hoy.

Other Churches.

Methodist church, 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. T. S. Land.

African Methodist Episcopal church, 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. S. S. Miller.

United Brethren church, 7:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.

First Lutheran Church, 10:30 A. M., Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.; 7:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D.

Zion Lutheran Church, 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. R. C. Bowling; 7:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. N. Bauman.

First Presbyterian Church, 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. F. Wiant; 7:30 o'clock P. M., J. H. Prugh, D. D.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. A. S. Glessner; 7:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

United Presbyterian Church, 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. S. Freeman; 7:30 o'clock P. M., Wm. Rupp, D. D.

Baptist church, 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. S. T. Wagner; 7:30 o'clock P. M., Hiram King.

Evangelical Mission, 10:30 o'clock A. M., Rev. L. T. Lampe; 7:30 o'clock P. M., Geo. E. Limbert.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. DITTMAR,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, S. F. BAKER,
C. R. FERNER, PETER KLINGLER.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod reported on Friday morning, as follows:

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Minutes of last year show the following items of business claiming your attention, viz.:

Item 1, page 7. The Committee on Ministerial Necrology. Rev. S. C. Long, Chairman.

Item 2, page 29. Pastors through the Classes are instructed to preach sermons on the subject of Home and Foreign Missions.

Item 3, page 42. Elder C. W. Truxal is empowered with authority to collect subscriptions to the Seminary Endowment Fund.

Item 4, page 43. The Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay to Dr. Rupp \$100 moving expenses.

Item 5, page 43. The Treasurer is instructed to pay \$75 for instruction in Elocution in the Theological Seminary.

Item 6, page 43. A committee was appointed to audit the financial account of the Endowment Fund, Rev. C. R. Ferner, Chairman.

Item 7, page 44. A committee was appointed to prepare an introduction and have published the Inaugural exercises, Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Chairman.

Item 8, page 70. The Stated Clerk was instructed to publish and distribute 2,500 copies of the Minutes.

Item 9, page 76. The Classes were directed to instruct congregations in the matter of securing credit on the apportionment of monies raised for Foreign Missions.

Item 10, page 76. The Classes still in debt to the Wichita Fund are urgently requested to pay without delay.

Item 11, page 79. The terms of office of the following members expire:

Trustees of Synod, Elder David Humphrey; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Rev. S. T. Wagner, Elder J. M. Conroy, B. Wolff, Jr., and Prof. E. Mackey; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. D. N. Dittmar, R. F. Gass; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. William Rupp, D. D.; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.; *Sunday School Board*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell.

Item 12, page 87. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows is commended and Classes urged to give it their liberal support.

Item 13, page 88. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to communicate Synod's action to Rev. J. M. Evans touching his affliction.

Item 14, page 89. The Treasurer was instructed to pay: (a) A. M. Kiefer \$10; (b) The expenses incurred in publishing the Installation service; (c) To Rev. A. J. Heller, \$1.75.

Item 15, page 89. The Stated Clerk was instructed to purchase a new record book.

Item 16, page 90. The Stated Clerk was instructed to extend to the railroad officials a vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. WAGNER,

H. E. SNYDER, SAMUEL REMALY,

GEO. E. LIMBERT, H. H. HARTMAN.

This report was considered by items as follows:

Item 1, the committee reported and report was adopted (see Article 20, Ministerial Necrology.

Items 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 attended to.

Item 3, Elder C. W. Truxal reported progress and is continued.

Item 6 attended to. (For report see Article 13, Theological Seminary report.)

Item 11 referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures repored at various times as follows :
To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to present the following items for your consideration :

- Item 1.* The Annual Report of the Publication Board.
- Item 2.* A statement from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, with a table of statistics for the year 1893 to 1894.
- Item 3.* The report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.
- Item 4.* An overture from the Erie Classis and a memorial from Dr. H. J. Ruetenik in regard to Calvin College.
- Item 5.* A Copy of the Annual Register of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.
- Item 6.* The resignation of Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., as Stated Clerk of Synod.
- Item 7.* Annual report of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.
- Item 8.* A communication from the officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of Pittsburgh Synod, in reference to the transmission of funds.
- Item 9.* The report of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod.
- Item 10.* A communication from the General Board of Missions.
- Item 11.* A copy of the Woman's Journal for October.
- Item 12.* The Annual Report of the General Board of Home Missions.
- Item 13.* A communication from Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.
- Item 14.* A copy of the Register of the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md., for 1893-1894.
- Item 15.* A communication from Takeo Noya.
- Item 16.* A communication from President J. S. Stahr, of Franklin and Marshall College.
- Item 17.* Complaint of Rev. W. H. Bates against certain action of the Westmoreland Classis.
- Item 18.* A copy of Illustrated Portfolio of Reformed Churches of Western Pennsylvania.
- Item 19.* A communication from the Secretary of the Board of

Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, stating that the term of B. Wolff, Jr., has expired, and recommending him for re-election.

Item 20. The Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER,

A. K. KLINE, HENRY G. HAY,

T. S. LAND, HENRY NODLER.

This report was considered by items, as they were reported as follows:

Items 1, 11 and 18 was referred to the Committee on Publication (see Art. XVII., Publication).

Item 2. Read and referred to the Committee on Missions (see Art. XIV., Missions).

Item 3. Report read and referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. J. S. Wiant, Wm. Rupp, D. D., and Elder J. M. Conroy (for report see Art. XXIII., Miscellaneous).

Item 4. The overture was read and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. A. M. Schmidt, J. N. Naly and Elder G. F. Weber (for report see Art. XXIII., Miscellaneous).

Items 5, 14 and 16 were referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

Item 6. Synod accepted the resignation and set Friday morning immediately after roll call as the time for electing a Stated Clerk (see Art. XXIII., Miscellaneous).

Items 7 and 20. The reports were severally read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary (see Art. XIII., Theological Seminary).

Item 8 was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Item 9 was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools (for report see Art. XXI., Sunday-schools).

Items 10 and 12 were referred to the Committee on Missions (for report see Art. XIV., Missions).

Item 13. The brother was excused from attendance and the communication was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 15 referred to a committee consisting of Revs. C. R. Ferner, Wm. Rupp, D. D., A. M. Schmidt and Elders J. M. Conroy and S. Mock (for report see Art. XI., Licensure and Ordination).

Item 17 laid on the table until Minutes of Classis report.

Item 19. On motion B. Wolff, Jr., was re-elected a Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee an Minutes of Classes offer the following report :

Receptions and Dismissions.

Item 1. Westmoreland Classis received and ordained Licentiates D. Snider Stephan from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and E. D. Meixell from Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod ; and dismissed Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., to Somerset Classis and licensed J. Grant Walter and dismissed him to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and J. N. Naly to Clarion Classis.

Item 2. Somerset Classis received Rev. Frank Wetzel from Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior ; Rev. H. Dieckman from West New York Classis, German Synod of the East ; Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., from Westmoreland Classis, and dismissed Rev. A. G. Geckler to Indiana Classis, Synod of the Northwest.

Item 3. Allegheny Classis received Rev. J. J. Wagoner from Clarion Classis ; Licentiate F. Forenczi from the Reformed Church, Hungary, and ordained him to the gospel ministry.

Item 4. St. Paul's Classis received Rev. F. M. Line from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac ; Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., from Clarion Classis ; Licentiate L. P. Goerrig from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the gospel ministry, and dismissed Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., to Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Item 5. Clarion Classis received Rev. L. W. Showers from the M. E. Church, and dismissed Rev. J. J. Wagoner to Allegheny Classis ; Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., to St. Paul's Classis ; Licensed and ordained Rev. D. W. Kerr to the gospel ministry, and dismissed Licentiate F. L. Kerr to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Complaints.

Item 6. Rev. W. H. Bates gave notice of complaint against Westmoreland Classis.

Irregularities.

Item 7. Allegheny Classis names no hour for its next annual meeting. Westmoreland and Clarion Classes failed to attach the seal to their Minutes. Clarion Classis failed to give the sum total of the statistical table.

Time and Place of Meeting.

Item 8. Westmoreland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Salina, Pa., May 29th, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. C. R. Ferner, *President*; Rev. J. F. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

Item 9. Somerset Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Wilhelm Charge, May 5th, 1895, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D., *President*; Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., *Stated Clerk*.

Item 10. Allegheny Classis will meet in St. Mark's Memorial Church, East End, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 20th, 1895, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. M. Schmidt, *President*; Rev. D. N. Harnish, *Stated Clerk*.

Item 11. St. Paul's Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Meadville, Pa., June 6th, 1895, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner, *President*; Rev. T. S. Land, *Stated Clerk*.

Item 12. Clarion Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Apollo, Pa., May 15th, 1895, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. D. W. Kerr, *President*; Rev. R. E. Crum, *Stated Clerk*.

Item 13. All the Classes voted favorably for the adoption of the New Constitution.

Recommendations.

Item 14. St. Paul's Classis calls the attention of Synod to the fact that its recommendation in reference to Franklin and Marshall College, Theological Seminary and Clarion Collegiate Institute was not addressed to Classis.

Item 15. Somerset Classis calls the attention of Synod to its failure to comply with the rule adopted by it, to so transact its business as to reach pastors and congregations through their Classes.

Item 16. All the Classes took favorable action on all the recommendations of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. EVANS,

S. H. DIETZEL, SAMUEL MOCK,
H. S. GARNER, HENRY CARVER.

This report was on Monday afternoon considered by items, as follows:

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were severally adopted.

Item 6. The complaint was withdrawn.

Item 7. The irregularities adopted.

Items 7 to 16 adopted. The report as a whole was also adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported on Monday afternoon and their report was adopted as follows, viz. :

To the Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report that nothing came before them requiring consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,

A. R. KREMER, J. C. WELLER,

JOHN McCONNELL, J. H. ZIMMERMAN.

Report of Committee on Communication from Takeo Noya, item 15 of the Committee on Overtures referred to special committee, reported Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to forward 'Takeo Noya Synod's action. The report is as follows :

Your special committee to whom was referred the communication from Takeo Noya, requesting that he be ordained as a missionary, beg to offer the following report: Inasmuch as Takeo Noya has neither a call from a congregation, nor a commission from the Board of Foreign Missions, there is no constitutional warrant for granting his request.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. FERNER, AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,

WM. RUPP, J. M. CONROY.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported on Monday evening, and the report was adopted as follows :

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on the State of the Church begs leave to submit the following report :

From the reports of the work of the Church within the bounds of

your Synod, as they have come to us from the Minutes of Classes and our Boards and Committees, we are impressed, first of all, with a sense of deep thankfulness to God for His wonderful goodness to us during the past year. He has remembered this part of His earthly Kingdom. He has owned us as His workmen. He has blessed our efforts in His service, and by His gifts fruitfulness has abounded. The wave of depression that has spread with blighting power over this land, while it was felt, of course, within the Church, has beat in vain against the fortress of our refuge and was ineffectual against the power of Christian faith and life, while it has been mighty against every other defense and power, destroying the walls and bulwarks in which men trusted, the Christian Church has met it, defied it, conquered it. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith."

It has been a remarkable fact that, in the face of greatly diminished activity generally throughout our land, our Church can report to-day not only progress, but strong healthy growth in almost every department of its work. There have been few years that have made a better showing. We have grown in the number of ministers, the number of congregations, in membership, confirmed and unconfirmed, and in the number who communed. Sunday-school work has been prosecuted with renewed activity and gives assurance of still better things to come. Missionary work has been aggressive and earnest. It has been laying hold of many new and promising fields, and it needs only the response and coöperation of the Church to assure us rich harvests in the near future. The institutions within our bounds have been efficiently managed. They have been doing excellent work, and on these grounds they make a strong appeal to our more liberal support. These growing demands upon us are among the most encouraging evidences of our life and growth, whenever they cease, whenever they decrease, we may well begin to prepare for the worst. They are the harbingers of death.

In benevolent and congregational contributions there is somewhat of a decrease from last year's report ; but notwithstanding this they have been most commendable. Comparisons in their departments are not trustworthy. They do not serve as a true standard of measurement. Special appeals and enterprises sometimes swell them to unwonted proportions which cannot be set as a seasonable yearly obligation. In the regular channels of benevolence and contribution we have kept pace with the giving of other recent years. We note

with pleasure, too, that while the Church has broadened its views in certain directions, welcoming and encouraging the coöperation of women in missionary activity, laying hold of the zeal and energy of its young people and organizing them for work ; it has yet been true to the standard and genius of the Reformed Church, as they have come down to us from the fathers. There has been no removing of any time honored and sacred landmark. We stand where the fathers stood ; we honor and comply with all the customs they revered, but our hand reaches out to extend a little broader welcome. We believe that all for which we hope will be nearer realized, because of the help and sacrifices of holy women, the consecration of strong young manhood and womanhood.

The general good health of the Synod has been noteworthy ; none of our ministers have fallen in the conflict, and there have been very few interruptions to their work.

But clouds have come and have hovered darkly here and there. The homes of two of our ministers were visited by the reaper Death, who carried away from them their holiest charm, their most precious jewel. From the ranks have been taken true warriors, brave and loyal to the last. We mourn with them that mourn and weep with them that weep, but over our fallen comrades we speak the message of hope ; we proclaim liberty to the captive and victory for the pious dead. "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Children of Israel rejoiced in a new deliverance ; God had interposed in their behalf, and Samuel offered up a thank offering to Him. Their history had abounded in many trials and hardships. Many of their loved ones had perished, around them were other enemies, and before them other trials, yet Samuel raised up a stone and called it Ebenezer, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." What a lesson for us celebrating at this time our twenty-fifth anniversary ; we look back over a season of our conflicts and trials and discouragements, and, yet withall, of wonderful triumph.

Before us waits the conflict still. In our way stand hindrances and uncertainties. But let us not falter nor shrink, let us set up our memorial, writing on it "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." A thanksgiving for the past, an inspiration and pledge for the future. Let us move forward more aggressively. Let us learn larger faith in the power and promise of Christ. Let us go forth bravely bearing the precious seed, assured that we shall return with joy, bringing our

sheaves with us. "He is faithful who promised to whom be glory forever and ever."

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. BAUMAN,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, A. CORT,

S. C. LONG, L. E. WEBER.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Under item 20 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, on Monday morning, the report of the Board of Visitors was read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1893-1894 is hereby respectfully submitted to your honorable body by the Secretary.

At the opening of the Seminary year, in September, 1893, the following young gentlemen were admitted in the Junior Class, nineteen in number: Joseph P. Bachman, Benoni Bates, William H. Brong, Joseph W. Buck, William E. Bushong, Moses N. George, Frederick C. Hullhurst, Edward O. Keen, Harry M. Klein, Edward H. Laubach, D. Elmer Master, Frank H. Moyer, Jacob G. Rupp, Charles D. Shaffer, Adam P. Stover, Jacob N. Wagenhurst, Charles E. Wagner, Ernest E. Weaver, David J. Wolf. Of this number thirteen are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, one of Lafayette, one an ordained minister of the Church of God, two of less complete preparation, and one of Calvin College.

The Middle Class consists of the eighteen students of the Junior Class the preceding year, with the addition of Henry M. Rank, dismissed from Union Seminary, New York, nineteen in all.

The Senior Class, twenty-four in number, having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination, in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were honorably dismissed at the close of the year and were awarded the usual *Testimonial* to that effect at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Charles F. Althouse, Harry N. Bassler, James Riley Bergy, D. Franklin Boomershine, Charles

W. Brugh, George S. Butz, J. Silor Garrison, George Samuel Gill, Louis P. Goerrig, Louis C. Harnish, Ellis S. Hay, Anselm V. Hies-ter, John D. Hunsicker, George Kinzo Kaneko, Frank S. Kerr, Thomas H. Leinbach, Edwin D. Meixell, Christopher Noss, John W. Reinecke, Charles M. Smith, Kenney Otis Spessard, D. Sneider Stephan, Louis C. Summer, J. Grant Walter ; thus sixty-two students were in connection with the Seminary during the past year.

The industry and Christian conduct of the students, and their examinations, written and oral, with a few exceptions, were satisfactory ; as heretofore, they were active in Sunday-school and missionary work in the city of Lancaster ; and their instructors, the professors, endeavored to discharge their duties according to the best of their abilities.

At the request of the Committee of the New Building and of the Building Committee, Professor Bowman was relieved by the Faculty of the greater part of his duties in the Seminary during the year in order that he might devote his time to soliciting funds, so that the New Seminary Building might be completed at an early day and be consecrated with the least amount of indebtedness resting on it. In this good work he was eminently successful, and he deserves the thanks of the Church for his energetic and untiring labors. Professor Thomas G. Apple filled his place in the Seminary and taught all the classes in Exegesis as far as his time would permit. The New Building was consecrated at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last, and reflects great credit on the Church for the generosity and liberality of its members, of which it is a monumental evidence.

The Rev. William Rupp, D. D., was installed as Professor of Practical Theology by the Synod of Pittsburgh, in October, 1893, and he entered upon his duties in the Seminary at the Christmas recess. It is a matter of gratitude to God that our theological school now has five professors in its service. Dr. Rupp has already proved himself to be a valuable accession to the Faculty.

We are happy here in being able to announce that the Senior Class of '94 has agreed to endow an alcove in the Library of the Seminary, to be known as the "Class of '94 Alcove." The interest of \$10.00 or more is to be devoted to the purchase of books, bearing on the History, Genius and Origin of the Reformed Church. As the Library is sadly defective in the theological literature of the present day, we think that this example is highly worthy of commendation and imitation.

In reference to a petition of the students, praying that the Seminary should confer the degree of B. D. on all students who may have pursued the prescribed course in the Seminary, the Board decided that the Faculty should formulate a post-graduate course of two or three years' study in residence, or at their homes, which shall entitle all those who diligently pursue it to the degree of *Bachelor of Divinity*, on condition that each applicant at the completion of such a course of study shall prepare a *Thesis* on some theological topic, to be examined and approved by the Faculty. This course having been adopted, application in each case shall be made by this Board to the College Board to confer the degree. The adoption of this plan, it is believed, will exert a happy effect upon those who have passed through the Seminary course of study. We have just learned that a number of old students have already expressed their intention to pursue such a course of study as soon as it is prescribed.

The instruction in Elocution has been satisfactory and the Board again recommends that the present arrangement be continued for another year. In that event the Synod of Pittsburgh is hereby asked to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the sum of \$75.00, the same as last year, as its part to meet the necessary expenses thus incurred.

As a Board, we have endeavored to discharge our duties in supervising the internal affairs of our venerable school of the Prophets, and it is now once more our privilege to report that the blessing of God has rested upon it from the beginning up to the present time, for which we are again called upon to give thanks to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, ever bearing in mind that all our blessings and mercies come down to us through Christ, our Lord and our God, who is the head of the Church, which is His body.

During the last year one of our number, the Rev. Dr. Amos H. Kremer, passed away from earth to his reward in the skies. He became connected with the Board as far back as the year 1843, and from 1871 to 1894 was its honored President, a position which he always filled in a highly acceptable manner. He was deeply interested in the prosperity of the Seminary during his long ministry, and the presence of this venerable father in Israel was a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to his younger brethren. His death was announced at the last summer meeting of the Board at Lancaster, and the Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, of York, Pa., was appointed to fill his place as President.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

LANCASTER, PA., October, 1894.

II. Report of the Board of Trustees.

Under item 7 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, on Thursday afternoon, were presented and read the reports of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary and of the Treasurer of the Seminary, and they were referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, as follows :

To the Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary :

During the past year the Board of Trustees held two meetings. The first meeting was held May 10th, 1894, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. The following officers were elected : President, Geo. N. Forney ; Vice President, John D. Skiles ; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess ; Treasurer, John B. Roth.

The second meeting was held in the same place, October 4th, 1894.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, Pa., containing a check of one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be expended for the purchase of books for the department of Archæology.

The Board accepted the generous gift, and directed the letter and the reply to the same to be entered on the Minutes.

The Board is greatly gratified in being permitted to report to the Synods that a new interest has been awakened in the Library of the Seminary through the erection of the Library Building, and that two alcoves have been endowed during the first year—one on Reformed Church History by the Class of 1894, and another on Archæology by Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, Pa., to the memory of her father, Jacob Forney.

As the endowment of the Library is one of the greatest needs of the Seminary, we commend the example of Miss Forney and the Class of 1894, with the hope that, in the course of a few years, all the alcoves may be similarly provided for.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board of Trustees :

While the Board of Trustees join with the many friends of the Seminary in congratulating the Church upon the completion of the new Seminary Buildings, they find themselves confronted with a new

financial problem, which demands *immediate attention on the part of the three Synods*.

The new buildings and the various improvements and enlarged equipment have created new and increased financial wants, which cannot be provided for out of the present endowment fund. To provide the necessary fuel and light, and the salaries of the Janitor and Librarian, there will be required an additional annual expenditure of not less than one thousand dollars, and to meet the unusual demands of the present year, *twelve thousand dollars should be raised*.

As the Riegel Fund of fifteen thousand dollars, which was contributed for meeting current expenses, will not mature until 1898, your Trustees submit the following recommendations for the consideration of the three Synods, viz :

1. In order to meet the current expenses of the Seminary, the three Synods are requested to assume annually apportionments for an adequate amount until sufficient revenues be obtained from other sources, and your Board also respectfully suggest that the three Synods provide such an increase of the Endowment Fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising.

2. To meet the current expenses of the present year the Synods are requested to apportion twelve hundred dollars in the following ratio, viz :

Eastern Synod	\$600.00
Pittsburgh	200.00
Potomac	400.00
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	\$1200.00
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3. As these apportionments are not likely to be paid before the close of the present Seminary year, the Treasurer of the Seminary be authorized to effect the loan of all moneys that may be required during the interval.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

HELLERTOWN, October 9th, 1894.

III. Treasurer's Report.

Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of principle as per report Sept. 22, 1893.....	\$94,508.12
Received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as one-third of the income of the Wilhelm estate.....	143.08
	<u>\$94,651.20</u>

1893.

CR.

Oct. 1. By sundry subscriptions sent to the Treasurer without instructions and credited to the Endowment Fund, but intended for Seminary Building Fund.....	232.51
	<u>\$94,418.69</u>

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO OCT. 1, 1894.

For sundry incomes and interest received by Treasurer..... \$5,746.38

1894.

CR.

Oct. 1. By balance due Treasurer, Sept. 22, 1893	\$325.24
Oct. 1. By salary account and bills paid.....	6,548.20
	<u>\$6,873.44</u>
Oct. 1. Amount of Dr. brought down.....	5,746.38
Oct. 1. Amount due Treasurer	<u>\$1,127.06</u>

LIBRARY FUND.

Principal is..... \$1,819.96

1893.

DR.

Sept. 22. For amount of balance due Library..... \$100.06

1894.

Oct. 1. For amount due to date.....	65.99
	<u>\$166.05</u>

1894.

CR.

Oct. 1. By sundry bills paid to date.....	\$116.52
Balance due Library.....	<u>\$49.53</u>

THE WILLIAM A. WILT FUND is..... \$833.33

And interest on same to October 1, 1894, accounted for in the Theological Seminary current expense account.

PITTSBURGH PROFESSORSHIP FUND \$4,223.19

For interest on the same to October 1, 1894..... \$211.16

1894.

CR.

April 14. By cash paid Wm. Rupp, D. D., to April 1, 1894..	\$105.58
Sept. 8. By cash paid Wm. Rupp, D. D., to Oct. 1, 1894..	105.58
	<u>\$211.16</u>

PRIZE ESSAY FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

	Principal	\$2,000.75
1893.	DR.	
Oct.	1. To balance due Fund.....	\$74.00
Oct.	1. Interest to April 1, 1894.....	50.00
		<u>\$124.00</u>
1894.	CR.	
May	7. By amount paid Christopher Noss as per award of Committee (prize).....	\$100.00
May	14. By amount paid bill	2.00
		<u>\$102.00</u>
	Balance due April 1, 1894.....	<u>\$22.00</u>

SMALTZ FUND.

	Principal	\$5,000.00
1894.		
Oct.	1. For interest on same to date.....	\$250.00
1894.	CR.	
April	24. By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer.	\$125.00
Sept.	18. " " " " " "	125.00
		<u>\$250.00</u>

PRIZE FUND IN SACRED RHETORIC.

1893.		
Sept.	22. Amount of Fund.....	\$90.00
1894.		
May	5. Received of W. M. Irvine.....	70.00
	October 1, 1894.....	<u>\$160.00</u>
1893.		
Oct.	1. For balance due Fund.....	\$1.91
1894.		
May	5. For cash received of W. M. Irvine.....	11.50
May	5. Interest on Fund to May 8, 1894.....	2.25
		<u>\$15.66</u>
1894.	CR.	
May	7. By amount paid F. J. Emil Muche as per award of Committee (prize).....	\$15.00
	May, 8, 1894, balance due Fund.....	<u>\$0.66</u>

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BUILDING FUND.

1893.	DR.	
Sept.	22. For balance in hand of Treasurer,	\$103.68
	For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Synod, to October 1, 1894,.....	52,348.19
		<u>\$52,451.87</u>

1894.

CR.

Oct.	I.	By amount paid per orders of Rev. J. N. Bowman, Chairman of Building Committee.	\$52,201.28
		Balance due Fund October 1, 1894,	\$250.59

JACOB FORNEY FUND.

\$1,000.00

LANCASTER, PA., September 12, 1894.

Received of Miss May Forney, of Hanover, York county, Pa., per Rev. J. N. Bauman, One Thousand Dollars, for the endowment of an alcove in the Theological Seminary Library Building at Lancaster, Pa., to the memory of her father, Jacob Forney.

J. B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1893.

DR.

Sept.	28.	To amount paid by Lancaster Classis,	\$7.00
"	30.	" " " W. Susq. "	6.00
"	30.	" " " Schuylkill "	13.00
Oct.	11.	" " " Synod of the Potomac,	75.00
1894.			
March	24.	" " " Lebanon Classis,	14.00
April	6.	" " " Lehigh "	14.00
"	24.	" " " Goshenhoppen Classis,	\$6.50
"	28.	" " " " "	2.50
May	16.	" " " E. Susq. "	4.27
"	20.	" " " Tohickon "	10.00
"	31.	" " " E. Penna. "	12.00
Aug.	12.	" " " Lebanon "	14.00
Sept.	27.	" " " W. Susq. "	6.00
			\$184 27

Charged to Treasurer in Theological Seminary Current Expense account.

The Seminary Class of 1894, for alcove in the Library Building, have placed in the hands of the Treasurer sundry obligations maturing in 1895 to 1904 amounting to

\$981.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

LANCASTER, PA., October 4, 1894.

The undersigned Committee appointed to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary report that we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
S. N. HENCH.

LANCASTER, PA., October 4, 1894.

III. Report of the Endowment Committee.

On Saturday afternoon the following report was presented and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary :

To the Pittsburgh Synod :

The Endowment Committee beg leave to offer the following report :

The extreme business and financial depression prevailing throughout the country and affecting especially the mining and manufacturing sections, such as the territory of this Synod, debarred your Committee from pressing the claims of the Endowment work upon our people during the last year. We have canvassed none of the congregations which had not been visited before the meeting of the Synod a year ago. A few persons only were asked to make pledges for this interest, and these only within the last few weeks. Their efforts met, we rejoice to say, with a liberal response. This is evidence that those not heretofore asked to support the movement can be persuaded to do so.

We are also compelled to report that owing to the stringency of the times it was not thought advisable to insist strongly, during the time covered by this report, upon the collection of unpaid pledges. No general and sustained effort was made to make collections on this account. Notwithstanding this absence of sustained effort over \$1,000 has been paid in since the last report was made. Your Committee is of the opinion that a large portion of the outstanding pledges will be paid as soon as times get a little better, if the claims of this work are properly pressed, according to the plan Synod has already adopted.

On the 6th of December, 1893, at a settlement made by a committee of auditors appointed by the Synod, \$20,964.00 were found in the hands of the Treasurer, W. R. Barnhart. Since then \$981.50 have been paid over to him. There is also the sum of \$4,223.19 in the hands of the General Treasurer of the Seminary, J. B. Roth. The whole sum on hand for investment now is \$26,168.69. There are several thousand dollars worth of notes and unpaid pledges in the hands of pastors of the Synod and members of the Committee. A united effort to collect this should be made between this time and January 1, 1895. Those uncollected at that time should be placed in the hands of the authorized agent of the Synod for collection.

The committee begs leave to call the attention of Synod by way of repetition to the following points:

1. The fund Synod proposed to raise at the outstart is not yet complete.

2. A few strong congregations and a number of weak ones have not yet been canvassed.

3. There are several thousand dollars worth of outstanding subscriptions.

The Treasurer of the Endowment Fund appointed by this Synod, Elder W. R. Barnhart, a member of this committee, having received the money contributed for this cause as it was paid in and invested it most carefully, making himself personally responsible for the principal together with 5 per cent. interest on the same, now respectfully asks to be relieved of this responsibility. In the opinion of your committee this request should be granted and arrangements made to transfer the funds on hand to the Trustees of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,	C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
THOS. S. LAND,	W. R. BARNHART,
S. T. WAGNER,	AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT.

IV. Report of the Committee on Auditing.

The account of the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund was read and adopted on Friday afternoon and is as follows :

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee to audit the accounts of W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer of the Endowment Fund, beg leave to report that they met with the Treasurer and with the President of the Endowment Committee, December 6, 1893. The committee examined the accounts of the Treasurer and compared his receipts with the receipts of the President of the Endowment Committee and computed the interest on the several amounts paid to the Treasurer, in accordance with the requirements of the bonds given by W. R. Barnhart.

We find the accounts correct, and the amount of money on hand December 6, 1893, together with interest on the same to January 1, 1894, to be \$20,844.00. We find that in addition to the above W. R. Barnhart holds a note of Eliza Barnhart, due September 16, 1894, for the sum of \$120.00.

D. A. SOUDERS,
S. B. FISHER.

Further : Your committee met in the Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., on October 12, 1894 and examined the accounts

of the Treasurer from December 6, 1893, to October 12, 1894, and find that since December 6, 1893, to date there has been paid to said Fund \$981.50, making the total Endowment Fund to date \$21,825.50. Together with this sum the Treasurer still holds note of Eliza Barnhart for \$120. We find that the interest on the above amount to October 1, 1894, amounts to \$802.39, which amount the Treasurer has paid over to Prof. W. Rupp, D. D. The sum total of the Endowment Fund in the hands of the Treasurer we find to be \$21,945.50.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. FERNER,
D. A. SOUDERS.

Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported on Monday afternoon, and the report was considered by items.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were adopted, and amount in items 2 and 11 were referred to the Finance Committee, and the report as a whole was adopted, as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary beg leave to offer the following report:

Two papers came into our hands, viz.: The annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, and the report of the Endowment Committee of this Synod.

From the first paper we learn that the Seminary is in a flourishing condition. The new building is completed, and is now occupied by the professors and students. Two alcoves of the Library have been endowed in the sum of \$1,000 each. The report also states that the sum of \$1,200 will be needed this year to pay contingent expenses of the Seminary. This Synod is asked to assume \$200.

The Committee has learned, indirectly, that there are now sixty-six students in the Seminary, a larger number than ever before connected with this institution at one time.

The Committee suggests the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod is highly gratified to learn that the Seminary and Library buildings are completed, and rejoices in the prosperous condition of the institution.

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$200 be assumed and apportioned upon the Classes towards paying contingent expenses of the Seminary for the coming year.

The report of the Endowment Committee states :

3. (*a*), That the fund is not yet completed, the sum on hand for investment being \$26,168.19 ; (*b*), That a number of congregations have not yet been asked to contribute to this object ; (*c*), That there are a large number of unpaid pledges ; (*d*), That the Treasurer of the fund wishes to be released of the responsibility of longer caring for it. The following is suggested for action :

4. *Resolved*, That the Endowment Committee be directed to canvass the congregations not yet canvassed at as early a day as in their judgment and that of the pastors it is deemed advisable to do so.

5. *Resolved*, That all pastors in whose hands there are unpaid Seminary Endowment pledges be directed to put forth the most earnest efforts for their collection between this date and the 1st of January, 1895.

6. *Resolved*. That all notes and pledges which are one year overdue and which are not paid between now and January 1, 1895, shall be placed in the hands of the agent appointed at last meeting of Synod, Elder C. W. Truxal, for collection, unless in the judgment of the pastor holding them such a course would be injurious to the cause of Christianity in the family or congregations affected.

7. *Resolved*, That Treasurer W. R. Barnhart be and is hereby authorized to pass over the funds in his possession belonging to this Seminary Professorship to Elder John B. Roth, the General Treasurer of the Seminary, either in the form of cash or in the form of notes or bonds with approved security.

8. *Resolved*, That the chairman of the Endowment Committee, together with Rev. Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher and Elder P. Keil, be appointed a committee to whom these securities shall be submitted for inspection. Such notes and bonds as are approved by them shall be placed in the hands of Treasurer John B. Roth, as so much money. In case the members of the committee shall not be able to satisfy themselves of the ability to pay when due of any of the parties against whom notes are held, Treasurer W. R. Barnhart, shall be required to guarantee the payment of said notes before placing them in the hands of the General Treasurer, John B. Roth.

9. *Resolved*, That when these conditions have been complied with to the satisfaction of this committee, the chairman of the Endowment Committee is authorized to satisfy the bonds which he now in behalf of Synod holds against Treasurer W. R. Barnhart.

10. *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this Synod the funds

belonging to this Professorship should be invested in this part of the State, if it is found practicable to do so. This matter is, however, left to the judgment of the General Treasurer and the representatives of this Synod in the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

Addenda.—After the above report was prepared an additional paper was referred to this committee, viz.: The Report of the Board of Visitors.

11. The only action that seems to be asked is that \$75 be appropriated by this Synod for the purpose of having Elocution taught in the Seminary and your committee accordingly so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,
H. KING, A. M. KEIFER,
P. S. HAY, JACOB MOSER.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. Report of the Board of Missions of Pittsburg Synod.

The Board of Missions of Pittsburgh Synod reported on Saturday morning and the report was referred to the Committee on Missions, as follows:

To the Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Missions of this Synod held two meetings since the last meeting of Synod: one at Greenville, October 2, 1893, at which the Board organized by electing Rev. A. E. Truxal President, and Rev. R. C. Bowling Secretary; the other during the present sessions of Synod, at which it decided upon a report to Synod.

The Board transacted no business pertaining to mission work during the year, for the reason that there seemed to be nothing for it to do. The Board does not fully understand its prerogatives and duties and therefore respectfully asks Synod to define its relation to other bodies and its duties in those relations.

1. What is its relation to the General Board of Missions?
2. What is its relation to the several Classes?
3. What is its relation to the mission work of the Sunday-school Board?

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL, *President.*

II. Communication from the Executive Committee.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod held at Pittsburgh, Pa., July 2, 1894, the following action was taken :

Resolved, That the General Board of Missions earnestly requests that the English Synods in any way they deem best give the sum of \$5,000 for the erection of a Chapel for the English Mission at Chicago, and that each Synod assumes such an amount of the sum as may be deemed its full share of the \$5,000 ; the Superintendent being requested to bring this before the Synods at their annual meeting.

D. S. FOUSE, *Miss. Supt.*

III. Report of the Superintendent of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

The Superintendent of missions reported on Thursday morning, and the report referred to the Committee on Missions, as follows :

I. Annual Report of the General Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States From September 1, 1893, to September 1, 1894.

BRETHREN :—We again submit to you for your consideration, a report of the operations of the General Board of Missions for the past year. The year covered by this report ends August 31, 1894, although the statistical table attached to the end of this report contains the results of the work only up to April 1, 1894. Last year, being the year of the meeting of General Synod, and, the triennial report to said Synod being extensively circulated, no annual report was issued for general circulation. This year, however, the Board sends among the churches a full and complete report of its operations during the past twelve months, so that all may know what has been done for the extension of the work, and also that the Church may fully appreciate the importance of the work that still lies before her.

We feel it but right that at the beginning of this report we should acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church in so signally prospering our work and giving us success. The year has been one of trials in church work. There are at all times plenty of obstacles in the way when the servants of Christ undertake to extend His Kingdom, but the year just past has been especially fruitful in these obstacles. When the year commenced

the Board had as many missions on its rolls as the apportionments would justify. Many urgent appeals came before the Board for the establishment of new missions. A few additional missions were enrolled, while some already on the roll became self-supporting. Then came the stringent times, and during the entire year there has been a continual struggle to keep the financial credit of the Board upon a good basis. Many requests for the establishment of new missions had to go unheeded, not but that the Board was anxious to do additional work, but because of the lack of money. When we say that the Board could not answer all the demands made upon it, the Church must not suppose that the work was in any way curtailed. The past year saw a larger amount of money used in the Home Mission work of the Church than during any previous year of her history. That for which we should give special thanks to God is the fact that, while financial disaster was a common thing throughout the land, the Board has been enabled to pay the missionaries in full to date without incurring any indebtedness. This is rather remarkable when we remember that our sister Churches have been and are now heavily involved as the result of the stringency of the times. What the condition of our treasury will be at the end of the present quarter no one can now tell, but from present indications we may expect a considerable deficiency. We have faith in the Church, however, and are fully persuaded that the funds will be on hand in due time with which to meet the liabilities of the Board. It still remains true, that while the work done was not less in any department, yet there was not the increase made that would have been, had the times been more prosperous.

As before stated, many appeals came before the Board for the establishment of new missions. There is something strange about these numerous calls. They come to us from the large cities as well as the smaller towns and country districts. There was a time when it was a question where we should go, as a Church, to open up new missions. There seemingly were no "Macedonian cries" coming to us. Now all this is changed. The calls are more numerous than we can answer. God is opening up fields for us and presenting opportunities which should claim the earnest attention of the Church. God never presents opportunities without at the same time supplying the means to lay hold upon them. The many inviting fields that lie open before us should be an intimation to us that God expects us to go in and possess them. More liberal means

must be provided for the enlarged work which must be accomplished. The extension of the Church should be kept before our people in order that the means may be provided by which the Board may occupy the new places continually presenting themselves. The next decade should witness a much greater expansion of the work than the one just closed. The opportunities for this are at hand. Let us embrace them as God gives us the means.

The Missions.

At the end of this report will be found the statistical table of the missions. This table gives the statistics of all the missions on the roll of the Board on March 31, 1894. There are included on this roll all missions that have been accepted by the Board and to be enrolled up to October 1, 1894. Hence it will be seen that those missions that have been enrolled since April 1, 1894, do not have the statistical column filled out, but it was deemed best to enroll them with the rest, so that the Synods may be enabled to see the amount of the appropriations in full. Including the Hungarian Missions, the Harbor Mission, and the three congregations supplied by Superintendent Shuey, there have been during the year one hundred missions on the roll of the Board. Counting those under the care of Brother Shuey a single mission, there were ninety-eight. Of these Warren, Ohio; Dakota and Damascus, Illinois; Burlington and Concord, North Carolina; Du Bois and Easton, Pennsylvania, have passed off the roll, leaving ninety-one under the care of the Board. In these ninety-one missions there are one hundred and forty congregations. While seven missions have passed from the roll, there have been enrolled the following: Notaway, Michigan; Hamilton and Massillon, Ohio; Yorkton, Canada; Denver, Colorado; Edinburg and Stonington, Illinois; Everett, Washington; and Thomasville and Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. Holton, Kansas, which has heretofore been served by Superintendent Shuey, although regularly organized, has during the year secured a pastor, making in all eleven additional missions that have been entered upon the roll of the Board. Several of these are very important missions and were enrolled, although the Board could hardly see the way open, financially, to do so. Massillon, Ohio, was regarded as a specially fine opening, and the marked progress of the mission justified the Board in its belief. At Denver, Colorado, we have had a church for a number of years—exclusively German. The congre-

gation dwindled down to a handful of members, while the church property was being mortgaged to keep up the running expenses of the congregation. Under this condition of things the General Board was asked to take charge and establish an English mission. The Board had to assume a debt of \$2,500 to save the church property, and it felt that the mission must be made prevailingly English to succeed. Rev. D. A. Winter was sent there in May of this year and reports a hopeful outlook. Hamilton, Ohio, was enrolled with the express understanding that the appropriation shall be reduced \$100 annually.

In a number of the missions, houses of worship were erected during the year, and others are now engaged in building chapels or churches. Several parsonages have also been built. The missions are as prosperous as can be expected. As in old charges, so in missions, there are many discouraging features connected with the work. There is a small number of these missions which must ultimately be turned over to the Classes to which they belong to be supplied. Where there is no reasonable prospect for a mission to become self-supporting in a reasonable time the Classes should, by reconstruction of charges, take care of such fields. This is the policy of the Board, but it finds it somewhat difficult at times to carry it out. The missions in Kansas and Nebraska will be called upon to contend with special difficulties on account of the stringency of the times and the failure of crops. The great majority of the missions, however, are in a very prosperous condition, and the Church should give thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity that has attended the work.

The Expenses of the Year.

The expense roll of the Board is gradually lengthening, and the amount needed will increase with each year. During the year past special efforts were made to keep down the expenses. The Board must keep the expenditures within the limits of the apportionments with a liberal allowance for delinquencies. It is a fact that the Synods never pay the apportionments in full. It seems a little strange to the Board that the appointments for Classical and Synodical expenses, also for Beneficiary education, are paid in full, and that the delinquencies fall so heavily on missions. Whatever the cause, the Board must recognize the fact and make allowances accordingly.

During the year the outlay of the Board reached the sum of \$36,000, or within a fraction of that amount. It would have been more had it not been for the fact that several of the missions requiring the heaviest outlay were vacant during part of the year. The above sum includes what was paid for Hungarian and Harbor Missions. There was quite a delinquency on the apportionments, but this was made up by special contributions and by what the Women's Missionary Societies contributed to the cause. While the Board had to economize and leave undone work that should have been done, still we are glad to say that the missionaries were all paid promptly, and all other liabilities met. This refers, of course, only to missions proper and not to the Church extension feature of the work.

Harbor Mission.

This important work at the port of New York is under the care of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte. When he took charge of the mission he was an Elder in the Church, but he has lately been licensed and ordained, and is thus enabled to perform all ministerial functions. He devotes all his time to the immigrants, excepting on Sunday, when he preaches to a small mission congregation in the city, but even this is more or less connected with his work among the immigrants. The main features of the work are: to receive the immigrants as they arrive; to direct them to homes and lodging places in the city, so as to protect them against the sharpers who are always ready to take advantage of them; to see that those who have selected homes in different States are put on the proper trains—in short to help them in every way possible and give them all needed information. As many of these immigrants are members of the Reformed Church, the missionary must see to it that they are reported to the pastors of the Church who may reside in or near the places where they propose to settle. He must also look after the poor who need help, and those who have no proper protectors. This requires much labor and a great amount of correspondence. So much work is required that the missionary suggests the need of an assistant. Efficiently to do the work that should be done, an assistant could be employed to good advantage, but the Board, for various reasons, has not deemed it best to appoint one. Other Churches, however, have taken such action, and with great benefit to the work.

The salary formerly paid the missionary was less than \$800, which was deemed entirely inadequate for one in his position in the

city of New York. Other Churches have been paying more liberal salaries, and it was deemed but proper that our Church should give better compensation to her representative in that city.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee last October his salary was made \$1,000 per annum, and that is the amount he now receives. This increased salary will demand a correspondingly increased liberality on the part of the Synods toward this mission. The Board asks of the Synods that at their annual meetings this fall they increase somewhat the amounts they gave prior to the present year. The work is an important one, and the Church should liberally sustain it. Brother Sommerlatte is an indefatigable worker, and in every way seems to be the right man in the right place, and should have the sympathy and liberal support of the whole Church.

The Hungarian Work.

This work still demands the care and sympathy of the whole Church. The work is as important as ever, but during the year past did not make the progress that some in the Church may have expected. This can be accounted for upon the ground of the stringency of the times. The Hungarian immigration has fallen off very decidedly during the past year, while not a few, who had the means, returned to their native land again. Among those who remained the destitution was very great during part of the year. Many of them, instead of being in a position to help along with the church work, needed the charity of the Church at large to bridge over the last winter. Especially was this the case in and about Pittsburgh and Cleveland. We cannot, therefore, report any marked gain in the membership, but we are glad to say that the work is being brought upon a better basis. At first the work was somewhat of an experiment, but such is no longer the case. The Board has the work under complete control, and the future looks exceedingly hopeful. During the year an additional missionary arrived from Hungary in the person of Rev. Frank Ferenczi. He is a young man, and when he arrived he was only a licentiate. He was ordained by the Allegheny Classis and was placed in Pittsburgh as an assistant to Brother Kovacs. He has proven himself, thus far, a man of marked ability and energy. He is blessed with business tact, as well as with preaching talents, and has placed the church in Pittsburgh upon a much better foundation than it formerly occupied. He has arranged his plans to gradually pay off the debt that rests upon the

church property, so as to make it the exclusive property of his own people and congregation. This is a good movement, as it will teach the Hungarians to do something for themselves and for their own church.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in January last, Rev. Kovacs appeared before it, and asked that he be allowed to lead a colony of his countrymen to Assinaboia in Canada. He made this plea upon the ground that many of his countrymen were farmers in their native land and not mechanics and tradesmen, and that they longed for the simple country life to which they were accustomed in Hungary. He claimed, furthermore, that the Canadian authorities had made an offer of two townships of land gratis, if such a colony were founded. At first the Committee was not so favorably disposed toward the project, but after some consideration Brother Kovacs was granted permission to go and plant the Church among his countrymen in the far Northwest. In his last report he stated that there were then with him some seventy families, and that more were coming soon. The Board assumed no traveling expenses, either for himself or the people he took with him. He simply receives his \$600, as formerly, as salary. It is hoped that the good brother may be successful in his venture.

Already last October Brother Jurany, of Cleveland, notified the Board that he proposed to resign his position as missionary among the Hungarians in Cleveland, Ohio. He did this upon the ground that he is a German by birth, and largely by education, and that he felt that he could do more efficient work among the Germans than Hungarians. He, however, promised to remain at his post until the Board could find a successor. A correspondence was at once commenced with the proper authorities in Hungary, for a good man to take the place of Brother Jurany. But the Board was not successful in getting the right man until lately. Brother Harsangye has been selected, and has promised to come. He is highly recommended for the mission work by those who know him. Likely by the time this report is sent out into the Church he will be at work in Cleveland. Until he does come Brother Jurany will occupy the field. The stringent times made it almost impossible to go forward with the erection of a chapel for the Hungarian congregation in Cleveland. Quite lately an offer has been made of a church property which is regarded very reasonable. The Evangelical Association has a church and parsonage in the Hungarian quarter of the city. There is hardly

a call there for an English church. The church is a good one and the parsonage has ten rooms in it. This property is offered for \$5,500. It is well located, fronting on Madison avenue. The Evangelical people offered to take, as part pay, the lot which the Hungarians now own and for which they paid \$1,280. This is a grand opportunity, but the extension funds are not on hand with which to purchase it. What is the advice of the Synods on this point? This whole matter of gathering funds and overseeing the erection or purchase of the chapel was placed in the hands of a special committee, and the project will be carried forward in a way deemed best for the Hungarian congregation and the Church.

Brother Kovacs going to Canada, leaves Brother Ferenczi with all the churches about Pittsburgh, and those farther east, under his care. He claims that he has all that he can do with the churches in Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Braddock, Beaver Falls and others; and that he can not see to those in New York, Bridgeport, Bangor and other points. Arrangements have been made by which the latter points will be supplied, but in the very near future an additional missionary must be procured if the work is to be extended as now seems necessary. It is necessary that a larger amount of money be contributed for this work, and, as it was undertaken by the direct action of the General Synod, the Board feels that both the English and German Synods should be alike interested in this work. The Board, therefore, asks that the Synods apportion the following sums for Hungarian work, for the ensuing year.

Eastern Synod.....	\$1,000
Potomac "	500
Pittsburgh "	450
Ohio "	400
Northwestern Synod	250
Central Synod	200
German Synod of the East.....	140
Synod of the Interior	90

This sum, with what additional will be contributed by the Women's Missionary Societies, will enable the Board to carry forward the work successfully for the present.

Church Extension.

This branch of the work continues to be of the utmost importance to us as a Church. It is the more important from the fact that it

has been so long neglected. Now, more than ever before, is the Church in need of a strong fund which will enable her to engage in city work, and plant her standards in the centers of population. We are compelled to repeat in this report, what has often been repeated before, that the Church will not and cannot make the progress she deserves until a more determined effort is made to establish a strong extension fund. During the year past there was a greater demand for these funds than in any previous year. The income of the Board was quite considerable, but not, by any means, sufficient to meet the requirements of the work. The following is the report of Treasurer Boush.

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Received from Contributions	\$4,594.37
“ “ Bequests and Legacies	4,737.50
“ “ Loans	3,500.00
“ “ Interest on Loans	309.00
“ “ Money returned by Missions.....	400.00
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	\$13,550.87

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Interest on Borrowed Funds	\$476.75
For Church Property at St. Joseph, Mo.	4,768.87
“ “ “ Columbus, Ohio	2,386.15
“ “ “ Ada, Ohio	500.00
“ “ “ Chicago, Ill.	2,953.35
“ “ “ Massillon, Ohio	1,000.00
“ “ “ Lima, Ohio	1,650.00
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	\$13,735.12
Due the Treasurer	194.25

In the contributions received are included the special funds given by different persons, which have been noticed in the periodicals of the Church and need not be named here. The General Board received three special funds of \$500 each, and a fourth is nearly full.

The bequests and legacies above mentioned were not made for Church extension especially, but were given for missions in general. The Board uses them in this work for the present, and when paid back by the missions will be used as invested funds.

It will be seen that the Board was under the necessity of borrowing \$3,500 during the year. Much as this may be regretted, there was no other alternative, unless the work would have been allowed to suffer to such an extent as to have ended in failure at different

points. The Board must see to it that the city missions are properly supported when once founded, and this can only be done by the use of extension funds.

The Board used \$13,735.12 in this way, and in addition to this, sum the Bi-Synodic Board received four special funds of \$500 each and \$1,100 by contributions from the churches, making in all \$16,835.12. Double this sum could have been used to good advantage.

The entire indebtedness of the Board is now about \$7,000. Pressing as are the needs of the Board, the time has come when it must call a halt in the matter of borrowing money for this purpose until the Church comes to its help in a more pronounced way.

It will be seen from Treasurer Boush's report that the missions are paying the interest on the money borrowed from the Board, and that some of them are paying back the money loaned to them.

The missions at St. Joseph, Mo., Ada and Lima, Ohio, are paid in full and need no further aid. Massillon and Chicago have deferred payments that must be met next year.

In order to save the church property of the Denver Mission, the Board will be compelled to effect a loan, in October of this year, of \$2,500. This will make the entire indebtedness nearly \$10,000, less what the Church may contribute from this time until October 1, 1894.

In view of the importance of this work, and the great need of funds to meet the liabilities now resting upon it, the Board earnestly requests of the Synods that they take such action as will bring this feature of the work prominently before the Church, so that liberal contributions may be given in aid of it. The Board asks, also, that an apportionment of six cents per member be made for this good cause. The Board feels that the apportionment for this work should be much larger, but on account of the stringent times only one cent additional over last year is asked. It is hoped that the Synods will gladly give this much to this worthy and important object.

It would be well if every Classis in the Church could be induced to raise a special fund of \$500 for this purpose. Every Classis in the Ohio Synod has one or two such funds to its credit, with one exception. Every Synod should urge upon its Classes to help along the general work by contributing liberally to this worthy object.

The Chicago Mission.

The English mission of Chicago is one of the most important on the list. It is not any more flourishing than many others, although

the outlook is very hopeful, but the fact that Chicago is centrally located between the East and West makes it of vast importance to the Church. The fact, also, that this city has a population of nearly a million and a half, with only about one-third of it attending upon the means of grace, makes it doubly important that our Church should engage in mission work within its limits. The importance of such a mission has long been acknowledged, but the work was not undertaken until a little more than a year ago. Up to date the mission has made good progress, the attendance at the Sunday services being good, while the Sunday-school has grown beyond the capacity of the hall in which it is held. The need of a chapel has been felt from the organization of the mission. The Board deemed it so important that a lot was purchased this spring on the corner of Jackson avenue and Washtena street for the sum of \$8,775. This is a good location in a good part of the city. The Board made a general appeal to the Church to help purchase this lot, but realized only about \$1,500 from it. One-third of the lot has been paid, and the remainder is to be paid in four annual payments. The important thing is the erection of a chapel. To do this about \$6,000 are required. For the mission to raise this sum of money is out of the question. There are no strong Reformed churches in or near the city from whom much help can come. The other Reformed churches of the city have all they can do to meet their own needs. It has been a question with the Board how help shall be extended to this good cause. Some Eastern brethren suggested the idea of asking the English Synods to make a special apportionment in aid of this worthy object. That seemed feasible, and yet the Board hesitated to make this request. It was, however, decided by the Board that in the "Annual Report" the Synods should be requested to provide, in any way they deem best, a sufficient sum to aggregate, say, \$4,500. The remaining \$1,500 can be raised by the mission. If the Synods think that this sum can best be raised by an agent, then let them so indicate; but if they think it best to apportion the sum or recommend that it be raised by voluntary contributions, then let it be so arranged. The Board begs, most earnestly, of the Synods that this important matter be taken under consideration and some means devised by which the money can be obtained. Each Synod can determine its proportion of the amount. This request is made solely upon the ground that Chicago, more than any other city in the land, has claims upon the entire Church, since in this mission are mem-

bers from every part of the Church; also from the fact that little help can be expected locally, except what the business men and citizens may contribute. Let it be remembered that there is not a city in the land that needs the efforts of the Church more, or as much, as Chicago.

Sunday-school Missions.

At the General Synod at Reading action was taken creating the office of Sunday-school Secretary. This office was subsequently filled by the Sunday-school Board, by the election of Rev. Rufus W. Miller to that position. That Board, under the leadership of its Secretary, has taken steps to engage in mission work in the home field. The mission Sunday-school holds a prominent position in the mission work of other Churches, and there is no good reason why it should not hold an equally important position in the Reformed Church. Almost every successful mission grows out of a Sunday-school, so that it and the mission are inseparable. A start has been made in this good work, and it is well that the Synods should take note of it and give it such help as is needed. Three Sunday-schools have been organized, under the direction of the Sunday-school Secretary, at New Kensington, Pa., and at Youngstown and Warren, Ohio. These schools are reported as having very bright prospects before them. There is a great work to be done in the large cities of the land in the way of gathering the children into mission schools. This work has been greatly neglected, even by the strong and wealthy churches. In many sections of the large cities, we are told by competent authority, the majority of the children are not in the Sunday-schools. To do mission work successfully in such communities the Sunday-school authorities can do very much to open the way. But back of this Sunday-school mission work must stand the Mission Board, sufficiently well equipped to take up the work where the Sunday-school must of necessity leave off. The Sunday-school mission work and the work of the Board of Missions are closely allied, and must go hand in hand so as to avoid anything like a conflict. The Mission Board is limited in its operations by the men and means furnished by the Church, and can annually take up only a certain number of new fields. It is, therefore, evident to every one, that if the Sunday-school Board starts a larger number of new enterprises than the Board of Missions can take up and sustain in the form of new missions, nothing will be gained. If, however, the Sunday-school Board will take up such towns and cities as the Mission Board is ready

to enter, and first establish the Sunday-school, to be closely followed by the Mission Board with a missionary to take up and continue the work, then a great and lasting work can be accomplished for the up-building of the Church. It is comparatively easy to establish a Sunday-school in any of our larger cities, but when the Mission Board must continue the work commenced in the Sunday-school, in the establishment of a mission, at an expense of from \$800 to \$1,000 annually for the missionary, then the real difficulties commence. The Synods should duly consider this matter, and the Synodical Sunday-school Boards and the Synodical Mission Boards should so work together as to aid the General Board in the establishment of missions within the bounds of the different Synods only as rapidly as men and means will permit.

The Women's Work.

There was a time in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States when the women did comparatively little in church work, except what they did for the advancement of the congregation to which they belonged. That was a great deal, and we must not underrate the work and influence of our mothers in the past history of the Church. We, at times, hear assertions made, which, if true, would make her of no force whatever in the past work of the Church. This is all wrong, and wrong because it is untrue. But the women of our Church have come into enjoyment of privileges and blessings in modern Church work, of which those of fifty years ago, knew comparatively little. They are laying hold upon these privileges and blessings in a way that must tell for the future good of the Church.

At the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, held at Reading, Pa., at the time of the meeting of the General Synod, the Society resolved to give annually for the next three years, the sum of \$4,000 for the home work. The first year of this term is not up as yet, as the apportionments were only made in the fall of 1893 and did not reach the Classical societies until the spring of 1894, so that we are not able to determine as yet, how much this action will yield for the support of the Board. The last report of Treasurer Reber shows, however, that the women are paying into our treasury quite liberal sums. Some seem to think, that what the women pay only reduces the apportionment by so much, but such is evidently not the case. Their contributions are largely in addition to the apportionments, and, during the past year enabled the Board to make up, in part at least, the delinquency on the apportionments.

In the Eastern Synods they have been doing liberal things for Hungarian work, and have promised to do even more liberally in the future. In the Western Synods, where the demands are so urgent, they have been doing nobly. For instance, the Woman's Missionary Societies of General Synod requested the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Synod of the Interior to contribute a certain sum toward the \$4,000 pledged. This sum will be on hand in full by the time the Synod meets in Hiawatha, Kansas, in October.

The women have also been helping grandly in the extension work. Many of the Classes in the Eastern Synods, have already raised, or are now engaged in raising, special Church-building Funds. The women of the Ohio Synod are now raising such a fund of \$500, and at the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Allegheny Classis it was resolved to raise such a fund, and so the good work goes on. The Woman's Missionary Societies have been fruitful of great good. The Board can testify to the correctness of this statement and the Synods would do well to encourage the formation of Woman's Societies.

Where the general societies are considered preferable, embracing men, women and young people, let them be founded by all means, but a society of some kind, in some form, is a great help to awaken missionary enthusiasm in the Church.

Estimates for the Year.

Elsewhere in this report is given a statement of the expenses of the Board for missions direct as nearly \$36,000. That sum paid eighty-seven missionaries. It included all that the Synods paid and all the special moneys that came into the treasury.

Beginning with October, the Board will have ninety-one missions on its roll. Some of these missions receive but small appropriations, as they are very near the line of self-support. Many of the newer missions, however, have been enrolled within a few years past, and, being city missions, the appropriations are quite large.

Including the cost of the Hungarian Missions, the Harbor Mission, the salaries of the Superintendents, and the running expenses of the Board, the sum required for the ensuing year will fall little short of \$40,000. Then, the Synods must take into consideration the fact that there are a few points that must be enrolled, no matter how limited the funds, upon the ground that the work cannot stand still, but must go forward. We have already asked for \$3,000 for the Hungarian work and now ask for \$40,000 for the general work of the

Board. Then the Board also requests that the \$1,000 for the Harbor missionary be provided for, as before stated, and that it be in addition to these sums. The Harbor missionary is paid, it must be remembered, by the German as well as English Synods. This will make a grand total of \$44,000 for the year.

Whether right or wrong, or whether or not we like to admit it, yet it is true that there is always a shortage on the apportionments, and the sum asked for will not more than reach, when we make allowance for the shrinkage. Having provided for the Hungarian and Harbor missions we ask the Synods to make the following apportionments for the \$40,000.

Eastern Synod	.....	\$17,000
Potomac	“	9,000
Ohio	“	8,000
Pittsburg	“	4,500
Interior	“	1,500
		<u>\$40,000</u>

This is the same amount that was apportioned last year, with a possibly small increase in the Hungarian estimate. We would here again earnestly beg of the Synods to assume fully the \$3,000 for the Hungarian cause, as there will certainly be one or two additional missionaries needed, within a comparatively short time, in this department of the work. The Board would urge the Synods to take such action, if possible, as to insure the collection of the apportionments. The Board is severely blamed at times for not opening up missions at, what seem to be, favorable places. If the Board were to take up all points that are urged as important it would soon be involved in a hopeless debt and would receive the severe censure of the Church. A certain sum is asked for and accepted by the Synods. If the Board could fully depend on the sum thus promised it would know just what to do. Under the present way of doing, however, it has no specified sum to depend upon with a certainty. Where there are vacant and delinquent charges it would be well for the Classes to send committees into them to collect the apportionments.

The Outlook.

The question is frequently asked as to what the outlook is, in our Church, aggressive for mission work. Those who ask the question seem to intimate, by the very way they make this inquiry, that there should be more spirit and enthusiasm put into the work than for-

merly, or even than at the present time. It can hardly be denied but that we lack somewhat in that enthusiasm which has enabled other denominations, no stronger than we, to do great things along missionary lines. If our theology is good, and our educational system of religion what the age needs, then there ought to be a fiery enthusiasm among us to extend the borders of the Church, so as to give to men what we believe is needful for their salvation. We see this spirit in other denominations. For instance, the Cumberland Presbyterians, until lately, had but three congregations in Chicago. They felt that they had a mission there and ought to work among the unsaved thousands of that great city. They organized their fourth church in Englewood, in the south part of the city. They are now erecting a church building at a cost of \$70,000, most of which comes from outside of the city, \$20,000 coming from Ohio alone. This may be deemed extravagance by some, but it were well if our Church had a little more zeal to plant her standard in the great centers of population. We need to emphasize our denominational life more than we have done in the past.

To answer the question as to what the outlook is for the future, we may say :

First. That as regards the men and means the outlook is more hopeful than ever. The Church is growing more liberal and money comes into the treasury more freely than was formerly the case. All the various forces of the Church are at work for her extension, which was not so a few decades ago. For the home and foreign work in all the Synods, according to the latest estimates, there was expended last year, in their different branches, about \$110,000. This makes an average of about fifty cents per member. This average is not large, but vastly more so than twenty years ago. This shows a healthy growth and substantial progress in liberal giving. The young men are also more willing to go into mission fields than formerly. All these things combined give a very hopeful outlook for the future growth of the Church.

Second. As to the opportunities for the growth of the missionary work, we can say that they never were as bright as to-day. There are numerous points waiting our coming. In the East, Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities need additional missions, and already the brethren are organizing Sunday schools which, in the near future, will grow into missions. Beyond the Allegheny mountains, within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, there are a score of places

GENERAL SYNOD'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Statistical Table—April 1, 1893, to April 1, 1894.

	Members	Bap- tists	Additions.	Losses.	Contributed for Congregational	Contributed for Benevolent	Sunday Schools.	Mis- sion- ary Socie-	Church Building.	Parson- age.	Ch. Fund.	M. Fund.				
Duncannon, Pa.	3	191	76	1	13	4	5	13	4	4	8	540	1000	550	12	
Everette, Wash.	1													24	24	
Harrisville, Va.	2	170	100	1	10	8	6	15	5	5	13	654	4000	500	11	
Mt Pleasant, N. C.	1													70	70	
Ronoke, Va.	1													85	85	
Seattle, Wash.	1	20	16	1	2	2	2	6	1	4	3	14	1500	3000	20	
Thomasville, N. C.	1	29		9	3	2	6	1	4	3	4	214	4500	1175	30	
Tyone, Pa.	1	18														
Washington, D. C.	1	185	63	1	5	1	8	2	1	4	7	821	25000	12000	30	
Washington, Wash.	1	13	16	2	4	2	1	4	7	72	2	74	17	14	17	
West Union, Ohio.	1	64	98	4	4	2	2	2	2	10	10	79	53	55	20	
Winchester, Va.	2	116	78	14	19	3	2	26	3	11	1	15	160	170	20	
Woodberry, Md.	1	169	120	11	15	10	1	26	3	11	1	15	160	170	20	
York, Pa.	1	216	112	12	13	11	11	35	7	2	4	47	830	821	20	
Allenstown, Pa.	1	102	50	10	14	34	4	52	1	6	2	1345	7000	3500	20	
Eastern, Pa.	1	137	90	11	11	1	12	6	2	2	2	116	221	1	30	
Harrisburg, Pa.	1	40											156	142	1	
Lancaster, Pa.	1	190	225	1	42	19	3	21	3	2	17	23	631	1	70	
Philadelphia, Pa.	1	190	75	4	20	14	7	9	30	1	7	1	316	335	20	
Philadelphia, Pa.	1	142	85	11	25	43	14	82	89	2	2	208	7000	3000	20	
Philadelphia, Pa.	1	188	17	2	16	23	22	30	7	2	2	337	19000	9500	20	
Philadelphia (West) Pa.	1	172	71	2	9	5	20	6	31	1	4	2	7	7000	3800	20
Phoenixville, Pa.	1	148	35	3	12	8	6	21	1	2	10	13	15000	8000	20	
Prospectville, Pa.	1	94	69	12	14	2	1	17	1	1	1	1	7000	3500	20	
Reading, Pa.	1	168	80	1	34	19	8	36	6	1	1	1	19000	6500	20	
Reading, Pa.	1	108	40	5	4	12	4	20	1	1	1	1	15000	2100	20	
Roanoke, Pa.	1	62	36	7	14	5	5	28	1	1	1	1	4000	2000	20	
Scranton, Pa.	1	143	35	12	8	3	11	1	4	1	1	1	8000	4000	20	
Steelton, Pa.	1	124	75	6									11000	2800	20	
Tower Mission, N. Y.	1												2500	500	20	
Harbor	1															

Those in italic have become self-supporting.

where missions should be opened. Going westward, we have Youngstown, Toledo, Indianapolis, Omaha, where work should be commenced at once; while an additional English mission should be planted in West Columbus and West Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to the cities we have mentioned, there are many smaller towns along the Mississippi and Missouri where the Church is called for. We repeat again, that our opportunities never were so many, neither so hopeful. Will the Church arouse herself and put on her strength, and go forth to do greater battle for the Lord?

Conclusion.

We bring our operations before the Synods for their examination. A full account is given of the work done during the past year. We can but wish that much more had been done, since much more should have been done. The Board, however, did the best it could with the means at hand. Full satisfaction was not given, perhaps, to all parts of the Church, but this could hardly be expected. We have great reason to be encouraged, as a Church, with the progress of the work. Still greater efforts should be put forth for its extension. With gratitude to God, and with a strong faith in the greater success of the work in the future, we send forth this report among the churches.

D. S. FOUSE, *Miss'y Supt.*

IV. Communication from the Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

Under item 10 of the report of the Committee on Overtures the following was read and referred to the Committee on Missions

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: Were the Board of Foreign Missions to present to your Reverend body its usual annual statement, showing a decline, during the last year, in the fruitful efficiency of our work in Japan, it would be only what might be expected in view of the political and warring complications in that country. But it is with thankful hearts that we find ourselves saved from such a painful necessity. With but few exceptions, and these for the most part readily accounted for, it is our happy privilege to report encouraging success along the whole line. The principal exceptions just referred to, as appears from the late statistical report, are the want of increase

in membership and the falling off in contributions, in part of our field. This appears to be confined to the remoter points. When for one moment we consider the condition of our evangelistic work during the last year, with Rev. Dr. Moore's time engrossed in the Girls' School; with Rev. Schneder not sufficiently recovered to take his wonted part in this work; with Rev. Miller not sufficiently familiar with the language; with our out-posts left to the care of native evangelists as yet with limited experience in their work, the wonder is that the shortage is not much greater. The decrease in contributions may be accounted for, at least in part, by the decrease in the value of the Japanese *yen*, which is now worth only about fifty cents, whereas our report is in gold. They may have contributed nearly as many *yen* as they did the year before, but their value is much less in gold.

A considerable number of names have been erased from the congregational lists, in consequence of the alienation of many, caused by the political agitations and violent opposition of the Buddhists. It has been a year of sifting. But while the number of "Dismissals and Erasures" was 124 and deaths 31 (the dismissals are not to be counted as defections), yet the net increase of members is greater this year than the one preceding. The number received from other churches was but little over half what it was the year before, while the number of baptisms was 235 against 94. The total membership is 1960 as against 1842, probably by this time 2000. There were five graduates from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin, thus increasing the number of native workers.

The necessity of an early reinforcement of our workers in both the teaching and evangelistic departments was apparent to the Board. The wisdom of enabling them to acquire the language before the necessity for their service became immediately imperative was also clear. When, therefore, the Christian Endeavor Societies of our Church proposed to support a new missionary to Japan upon the sole condition that he called the "C. E. Missionary," thus providing for the support of one, the Board felt warranted, besides appointing Rev. S. S. Snyder, of Columbiana, O., the "C. E. Missionary," to appoint a second, Mr. Christopher Noss, of Silver Run, Md., who, after taking a post-graduate course of one year in the University at Berlin, Germany, will proceed to his field of labor in Japan.

Verily has God blessed our work. We look forward to the coming year with bright hopes and expectations. Rev. Dr. Moore will be released from the Girl's School by the arrival of Miss Zurfluh, and

will be enabled to devote himself to his proper evangelistic work. Rev. Snyder will lend a helping hand to the extent that his want of acquaintance with the language will allow, and when, after another year, Mr. Christopher Noss, now under appointment, shall take his place in the field, the Board anticipates a forward movement in our work such as it has not been in our power hitherto to effect.

The question of the effective prosecution of our work awaits its solution, not so much in Japan, as here at home. Will the home Church furnish the means for the realization of our hopes? We look to you, beloved brethren, for the answer. For after all, success largely depends upon our pastors.

The self-denial effort to relieve the Board of its embarrassing indebtedness was but a partial success, furnishing but little over half the needed sum. But that was a great help. The measure was new to the Church, and commanded the coöperation of but a portion of our congregations. In view of the pressing necessities now weighing upon the Board of providing comfortable residences for Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Snyder, and in another year for Brother Noss, we most respectfully ask your reverend body to designate the approaching Lenten season, or such other time as may be deemed befitting, as a time for special self-denial offerings to meet the emergency. We need at least some eight thousand dollars for the three houses and necessary grounds, over and above the sum designated by General Synod for current expenses.

We also respectfully urge your Synod to take such action as will move the Church to respond promptly and favorably to the action of General Synod in this sacred interest.

Brethren in the Lord, you have laid the Lord's work upon us. Our hands are to the plow, and we pray that we be not compelled to turn back for want of means.

Statistics for the Year 1893-1894.

Organized Congregations,.....	12
Self-Supporting and Independent Churches,.....	5
Preaching Stations,.....	41
Membership last year,	1,842
Dismissals and Erasures,.....	124
Deaths,	31
Received from other Churches,	38
Baptisms,.....	235
Present Membership,.....	1,960

Girls' Schools,	1
Scholars,	58
Sunday-schools,	27
Scholars,	1,063
Boys' Schools,	1
Scholars,	134
Theological Schools,	1
Scholars,	26
Native Ministers,	9
Unordained Preachers,	18
Colporteurs,	2
Bible Women,	5
Contributions for all Purposes,	\$2,528.21

Number of students at the close of last term, both Theological and Collegiate, 160. Students who dropped out during the year are not included in this number.

Your servant in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Oct. 1, 1894.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions reported on Saturday afternoon and Monday morning, and the report was considered by items. Items were all adopted, and items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were referred to the Committee on Finance and the report as a whole was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

Your Committee on Missions respectfully offers the following report. There came into the Committee's hands the following papers:

1. The annual report of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.
2. A letter from the Executive Committee of said Board.
3. The annual report of the Pittsburgh Synod's Mission Board.
4. An overture from the Women's Missionary Society of Pittsburgh Synod.
5. The annual report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

It is cause for rejoicing that notwithstanding the depression of business and scarcity of money in commercial circles, General Synod's Home Mission Board has been enabled, through the liberality of the people, to gather sufficient funds to maintain the one hundred

Missions under its care. The Board is to be commended for the wise husbanding of the means entrusted to its hands, and for the excellent managing of its affairs.

No department of the Board's work is fraught with more importance to the Reformed Church than the Missions lately established in the large cities. And that these and others in contemplation may be properly sustained, the Board asks that Pittsburgh Synod make an apportionment of six cents per member.

It is especially gratifying to note the growing and promising work among the Hungarians and Slavs, so recently begun by the Reformed Church and so signally blessed of God. And the Board asks of Pittsburgh Synod \$450 to aid in prosecuting this work.

The efforts of the Reformed Church in behalf of the immigrants at Harbor Mission, in the port of New York, appeals to all of us whose ancestors, not many years ago, found a new home in this land of Gospel privileges. And we rejoice that our beloved Church has been enabled to do so much for these our brethren, who have come to us from the countries of Europe. For furthering this work the Board asks of all the Synods \$1,000.

The Board informs us that \$40,000 will be necessary in maintaining during the year one hundred Missions, and Pittsburgh Synod is asked to assume \$4,500 of this amount.

Along the line of Church Extension work, the Executive Committee of the General Synod's Mission Board asks the Pittsburgh Synod, together with the other English Synods, to raise immediately \$5,000 for a chapel in Chicago.

While greatly concerned with the work of Home Missions, it is gratifying that the Church is impressed with the truth that "the last great commission" bears especially upon our going with the Gospel among the people of all other regions and other civilizations. And that the stronger the Church is at home the clearer comes the command, "Go ye unto all the world and make disciples of all nations." And while it is extremely gratifying to see the interest which almost the whole Church is manifesting in this blessed work, it is especially pleasing to see the Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies cultivating the spirit of missions and giving so generously for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ.

From the report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions we learn that we have in the northern part of the Empire of Japan forty-four Christian ministers, native evangelists, teachers and

assistants, with a girls' school, a boys' school and a theological seminary, fifty-three congregations and preaching points, and a church membership of about two thousand.

It is cheering to learn that while the anti-foreign feeling, during the past year, in most parts of the empire was marked, it has manifested itself only slightly in the North; and that the evangelistic work has been prosecuted with vigor, and the work of the girls' school and the Tohoku Gakuin been so richly blessed of God. And that the Board may properly continue the work entrusted to its supervision, and which we as a Church are called upon by God to do, the Board asks that the Pittsburgh Synod assumes the amount asked of it by the General Superintendent of Missions, viz., \$2,600, but also that the Lenten season, or some other, be designated as a time for self-denial for defraying certain necessary expenses not included in the general apportionment.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Synod asks that the Classes of Synod be instructed to be content with duplicate receipts for monies which the Woman's Societies raise and which are intended to be credited upon the Classical Apportionment.

The Board of Missions of Pittsburgh Synod asks that Synod define the relation of said Board to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, to the several Classes and to the mission work of the Sunday-school Board.

With reference to these various interests your committee recommends the following resolutions for your adoption:

1. That six cents per member be apportioned upon the several Classes for Church Extension.

2. That a representative of the mission in Chicago be hereby granted permission to enter the several charges of the Synod for the purpose of raising money for a chapel in said city.

3. That \$450 be apportioned among the several Classes for missionary work among the Hungarians.

4. That \$150 be apportioned among the Classes for Harbor Missions at the port of New York, \$50 of which to be especially applied toward defraying the office expenses.

5. That \$4,500 be apportioned among the several Classes for the general work of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod.

6. That \$2,600 be apportioned among the Classes for Foreign Missions.

7. That the Lenten season be designated as a season of self-denial,

for special work in the interest of the Kingdom of Christ in the Empire of Japan, and the same be commended to the pastors and congregations of the Pittsburgh Synod.

8. That the several Classes be instructed to be content with duplicate receipts of monies raised by the Woman's Missionary Societies, which may be intended to be applied on Classical apportionments.

9. That the action of the Synod of '91 be reaffirmed, and that the Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions sustains simply the relations of an advisory board to that of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod. And the several Classes are hereby instructed to act through Pittsburgh Synod's Board in all matters pertaining to their work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRUGH, J. F. SNYDER,
D. A. SOUDER, W. R. BARNHART.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I. Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa.

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home reported on Thursday afternoon, as follows, and the report was referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning, viz. :

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: Although the past year was one of unusual financial depression, we are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we were able to close the year under more favorable conditions than we anticipated. The orphaned and destitute condition of the little ones appealed to our faith and love so forcibly that we often received them under our sheltering care, when calculating reason would have forbidden us to accept them ; but God has provided that the table has always been thrice daily spread. True, we in many cases have exercised such care and precaution as becomes Christian faith, and in so doing have had to decline receiving some whose condition appealed strongly to our hearts.

The number of children accepted gradually increased during the year, so that in June the number had grown to 80, of whom 30

were dependent upon the alms of the Church for support. At the present time their class has gone up to 38. Were there not so many supported by parents or friends, in whole or in part, we would not have been able to maintain as many Church orphans. As quite a number of the children are from the Potomac Synod, we have thought it proper to solicit increased help from the churches of that Synod, for which purpose the Superintendent has been directed to visit this Synod and present the wants of our Home, to the end that greater assistance may be received from them. Inasmuch as twelve of the inmates of the Home are from the bounds of this Synod, the Board has instructed the President and Secretary to present that and other facts to said Synod, with a request for more generous help from them.

Whilst asking the assistance of our sister Synod, will it not be well for us as pastors and congregations to do more in the future, and may it not be done in this way, viz. : During the Christmas festival our Sunday-school officers or congregations are accustomed to give to the scholars a so-called treat of sweetmeats, etc., costing in the aggregate many hundreds of dollars. Now, may not this expenditure be turned in another direction, in which more good will be done, both to the giver and the recipient? Ought not our Christian *children* be taught *to give* instead of to receive, at that, your festival? If we would rear generous and liberal men and women, is it not our bounden duty to teach the children that "it is more blessed to give than to receive?" We may be sure that in their tender hearts this blessing will be more readily verified than in adults. We are confident that a change in this respect can be accomplished, which will result in blessings upon our Sunday-schools and greatly increased support to the Home, if pastors and Sunday-school officers earnestly strive to bring it about. We ask that this Synod urgently recommend this matter to our Sunday-schools.

The Board has recently been more exacting towards those whose children are received, in the way of requiring parent or friends to aid in the support of the children, or to such extent as they may be able. To relieve the Home and enable us to extend its benefits, we urge pastors and others to help us in enforcing this policy. The intellectual and Christian training of the children received the care and attention bestowed in former years and with like good results, and the health of all the inmates was graciously preserved. The financial condition is seen in the Treasurer's report, as follows :

B. WOLFF, JR., in account with ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME.

DR.

June	9. To cash on hand.....	\$51.03
	To cash from Sunday-schools, congregations and individuals	2,592.97
	To cash from Synod's collection, (a).....	\$13.18
	To Synod's collection, (b).....	8.20 21.38
	To Orphan Friend.....	121.25
	To boarding children.....	4,233.95
	To cash, interest on loan.....	373.50
	To cash excursion to Home	\$35.00
	To cash reunion at "	47.00 82.00
	To cash on account of legacy from estate of Louis Schriener	450.00
		<u>\$7,920.08</u>

CR.

By cash paid Rev. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent....	\$6,881.60
By cash interest on indebtedness.....	594.00
By cash loan added to Fund.....	450.00
Balance in treasury.....	.48
	<u>\$7,920.08</u>

The Treasurer also reports an indebtedness of \$9,899.52 and an aggregate Endowment of \$6,450.00.

Had the Superintendent been able to procure all the bills due for current expense during the year, at the annual meeting in June, there would have been a deficiency of nearly \$200.

The directors whose terms expire at this Synod are Rev. S. T. Wagner, Elder J. M. Conroy, B. Wolff, Jr., Prof. E. Mackey and Rev. J. M. Schick, by removal from our bounds.

Asking your favorable action upon this report and increased interest in the cause we represent, it is

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

President of the Board.

II. Report of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions reported on Monday afternoon, and the report was referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning, as follows:

The Board held two meetings. The first at the close of the last meeting of Synod, when the Board organized by electing Rev. J.

M. Schick, President, and Rev. D. B. Lady, Secretary. The second meeting was held in connection with this meeting of Synod, and inasmuch as Rev. J. M. Schick had removed from the bounds of the Synod, Rev. D. B. Lady was elected President.

During the year, as for some years past, but one institution was under the care of this Board, viz.: Clarion Collegiate Institute, at Rimersburg. This Academy has been under the management of Prof. S. W. Kerr, who has proved himself admirably adapted to his position. The last year was an unusually prosperous one. Some 90 students were in attendance at one time, during the summer session. About 25 students were in attendance during the winter. This large attendance over former years is mainly due to a personal canvass from house to house by the principal. The patronage is almost entirely local.

The resolutions of Synod recommending this institution to the patronage of the Church has not accomplished anything in the way of securing students. If we would retain the present excellent management, the Synod must take more effective steps to bring this school to the attention of parents and guardians. As a preparatory school, Clarion Collegiate Institute affords superior advantages for this section of the Church. We urge Synod to take such steps as will lead to a more general recognition of this deserving institution.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT, J. F. WIAANT,
D. N. DITTMAR, R. F. GASS.

III. A Communication from the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

Under item 16 of the Committee of Overtures was presented and read a communication from the President of Franklin and Marshall College, and it was referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning, as follows:

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Inasmuch as your honorable body has with two other Synods joint ownership and control of Franklin and Marshall College, it is proper that you should receive a report of its condition and prospects.

The annual register, a copy of which is in your possession, will show that there has been a steady increase in the number of students

and in the efficiency and general prosperity of the institution. At the last commencement thirty-four young men were graduated, the largest number in one year in the history of the College. This year a Freshman Class of fifty-five students is in actual attendance. Considerable additions have been made to the equipment of the College, to the Library and to the teaching force. At the same time it is felt that the rapid increase in the number of students calls loudly for increased facilities and additional teachers.

Accordingly the President of the College urged upon the Board of Trustees, at its last meeting, the importance of inaugurating a movement which shall result in a large increase of the Endowment Fund and the material equipment of the College. The Board of Trustees took favorable action and appointed a special committee to elaborate a general scheme or plan by which this desirable end may be accomplished. Confidently trusting that your honorable body will cordially endorse the general object and in due time join hands with the other Synods in its accomplishment, I am

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN S. STAHR,
President of F. and M. College.

The Report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Committee on Institutions of Learning reported on Monday morning and evening, and the report was considered by items. In the morning the 1st and 2d resolutions were adopted, and in the evening the 3d resolution, and the report as a whole was adopted, viz. :

Your Committee on Institutions of Learning present the following report, to wit :

The following papers have been referred to the committee :

1. The report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

2. The statement of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, and the annual register of the same.

3. The annual catalogue of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

From these documents we learn :

1. That St. Paul's Orphan Home in the past year has, by the favor of the Father of the fatherless, been blessed with health and prosperity. Notwithstanding the unusual financial depression abroad in the country, and especially within the bounds of this Synod, the

number of children in the Home has been increased, and the current expenses of the same have been met nearly in full, showing that this worthy cause has not appealed in vain to the charity of the Church; and further, that the management of the Home has been wise and judicious.

2. The statement of the President and the annual register of Franklin and Marshall College show a very large increase in the number of students, in fact the largest accession to the various departments in the history of the institution, indicating a bright and hopeful future.

3. The annual catalogue of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., reports a large addition of pupils and increased facilities in the line of its work.

In view of the above statements, your committee recommend the following action :

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly recommends St. Paul's Orphan Home to the liberal support of the Church and requests that, in view of the growing needs of the Home, larger offerings be given by our congregations and Sunday-schools during the Christmas season.

2. WHEREAS, We have learned with pleasure of the prosperous condition of Franklin and Marshall College, as indicated by the last annual register and by the statement of the President of the College read before the Synod, and

WHEREAS, We appreciate the fact that both the demands of the times from the standpoint of the best educational thought and the rapid increase of students involving an increase of work in the College, call for large additions to the endowment of the College, so that the corps of Professors may be enlarged and the equipment improved; therefore be it

Resolved, That we heartily rejoice in the evident prosperity of Franklin and Marshall College; that we commend the institution to the confidence and patronage of our people, and that we cordially approve of the proposition to largely increase the endowment of the College, pledging ourselves to enter at the proper time with the Eastern and Potomac Synods, upon such a scheme of work in that direction as may be deemed feasible and give promise of the speedy accomplishment of the proposed end.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. MILLER,

C. M. HARTZEL,

J. B. SMITH,

C. W. SUMMEY,

J. C. WELLER.

Addenda : Since your committee reported, an additional paper relating to Clarion Collegiate Institute has come into the committee's hands. We rejoice to learn of the unusual prosperous condition of the Academy and recommend the following :

3. *Resolved*, That while in the opinion of this Synod the time has not come for this Synod to assume the management of an institution of learning, we rejoice that there is such an institution within our bounds, owned and managed by one of the Classes of the Synod, and we most heartily commend Clarion Collegiate Institute to the patronage of the pastors and people throughout the Synod, and they are urged to do all they can to encourage the management of this our only Academy by securing for it as large a number of students as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The Board of Beneficiary Education reported on Friday morning, and the report was referred to the Committee on Education, as follows :

To The Rev. Pittsburgh Synod.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: During the past year ten students for the ministry have been under the care of the Board, eight of whom were pursuing their studies in the Theological Seminary and College at Lancaster, Pa. Two were permitted to temporarily remit their studies for reasons deemed sufficient by the Board; hence but eight received financial aid. Two, viz., J. Grant Walter and C. W. Brugh, completed the Seminary Course and have been licensed and ordained to the holy ministry. So far as the Board has been able to ascertain, the conduct of the young men has been commendable.

The Board expresses the hope that the Synod is not depending too much upon this Board to keep up the ranks of the ministry. Lest there might be a disposition to do this, we embrace this opportunity to urge the ministry and elders of this Synod to put forth greater efforts to induce suitable young men who can support themselves, or be supported by their parents, to prepare themselves for this holy work.

The term of Rev. Prof. Wm. Rupp, D. D., a member of this Board, expires at this Synod.

At the meeting held recently one additional student was received under our care with an annual appropriation of \$100.

Financial Statement.

Amount in Treasury at last Statement	\$108.00
“ received from Treasurer of Synod.....	<u>1,100.00</u>
Total received	1,208.00
Amount expended.....	<u>1,202.00</u>
Balance on hand	\$6.00

We ask an appropriation of \$1,600 to carry forward the work of the present year. Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, *Pres. of the Board.*

Report of the Committee on Education.

On Monday morning the Committee on Education reported. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Committee on Education would beg leave to make the following report :

Only one paper came into the hands of your committee, the report of the President of the Board of Beneficiary Education. From this report we are pleased to learn that this Board had ten young men under its care during the year, and that, at a meeting held recently, another has been added to this number.

Two of this number, viz., J. Grant Walter and C. W. Brugh, have completed their course and have been licensed and ordained to the holy ministry.

We recommend the following for adoption :

Resolved, That the amount asked by the Board, viz., \$1,600, be referred and apportioned by the Committee on Finance upon the Classes of Synod.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the supply of laborers in the Reformed Church is not adequate to the demand, pastors seek out and most urgently request worthy young men to enter the holy ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. GASS,

L. CORT, J. D. THOMAS,
J. S. WILES, J. WINGARD.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

I. Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

On Thursday afternoon, under report of Committee on Overtures, item 1 was presented and read, and the report of the Publication Board was referred to the Committee on Publication, as follows:

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Publication Board is pleased to report that the results for the past year have been gratifying, in view of the wide-spread depression that existed in all departments of trade, which bore with great severity upon publication interests throughout the whole country. Notwithstanding this fact, the subscription list of the *Reformed Church Messenger* has increased, and the other periodicals with few exceptions have increased or maintained their former circulation.

The books of the lessee, which were duly examined, showed receipts for the year, from all sources, of \$35,176.39, which, being within the limit of \$40,000, the basis of the guarantee, entitles the Board to receive \$1,200 from the lessee. This sum was received by the Treasurer of the Board, and is included in his report submitted at the annual meeting of the Board, September 5, 1894, the only meeting held during the year. The Treasurer, James T. Reber, reported total funds in hand \$9,176.96, of which \$971.96 was in cash and the remainder in investments yielding 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. interest.

At its late meeting the Board passed resolutions commending to the several Synods this particular interest and bespeaking for it their active coöperation in the extension of its field and in the increase of its patrons. The direct pecuniary benefits, even under conditions more or less adverse, and which, in the opinion of your Board, should not have been countenanced, are so manifest in the handsome fund already to your credit that this consideration alone should serve to concentrate your individual and joint support upon this house, to the exclusion of all others.

The attention of the Synod of the Potomac is called to the expira-

tion, January 1, 1895, of the term of G. S. Griffith, and that of the Eastern Synod to the expiration of the term of Edward J. Durban.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, September 26, 1894.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

This committee reported on Monday afternoon, and the report was considered by items and the items severally adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted. It is as follows :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Committee on Publication presents the following report: The documents referred to your committee are the annual report of the Board of Publication, a copy of the "Woman's Journal" and several copies of "Illustrated Portfolio of Reformed Churches of Western Pennsylvania," published by Rev. J. N. Naly, of Apollo, Pa.

From the report of the Board of Publication, we learn that this important branch of our Church work has made encouraging progress. The income of the Publishing House has been about \$5,000 less than last year; but this falling off is small, considering the extraordinary stringency in business during the past year, and therefore, in view of all these circumstances, the past year has been one of prosperity. The circulation of the Reformed Church Messenger, especially, has steadily increased, and the other publications have held their own, except the Reformed Church Quarterly. There is great reason, therefore, for encouragement and hope for the future of our publication interests. Your committee recommends the following action :

Resolved, That Synod urges all the ministers and people under her ecclesiastical jurisdiction to give their patronage to their own Publication House in Philadelphia, as is fair and due according to contract.

Resolved, That we earnestly commend to our ministers and people the various publications of the Board, especially the Reformed Church Messenger, Reformed Quarterly Review and the different Sunday-school periodicals.

Resolved, That the Woman's Journal being the literary organ

of the W. M. S. of G. S. and the Missionary Guardian be commended to the favorable consideration and patronage of our people.

Resolved, That we commend "The Illustrated Portfolio of the Reformed Churches of Western Pennsylvania."

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. KREMER,
F. M. LINE, A. S. GLESSNER,
JACOB HERSHEY, W. G. KING.

Report of Committee on Publishing Inaugural Exercises.

The committee appointed to have 1,200 copies of the Inaugural Exercises published, to be distributed with the Minutes of Synod, beg leave to report that this duty was attended to.

An introduction was prepared by the chairman of the committee, copies of the addresses were secured and the whole published in a neat booklet; 150 copies were given to Dr. Wm. Rupp, 1 copy was given to each minister of this Synod, 5 copies were sent to each congregation in the Synod, and the remainder were distributed to ministers of the Reformed Church outside of this Synod. The committee did not succeed in getting the booklet published in time to distribute with the Minutes of Synod, according to the letter of the resolution of Synod; but they were distributed according to a plan suggested by the Stated Clerk.

The cost of publication was.....\$87.50

The expense of distribution was..... 7.50

The bills were sent to the Treasurer of Synod and paid by him.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,
J. H. MICKLEY, C. W. TRUXAL.

Publication of Minutes.

On Monday evening the Stated Clerk was instructed to publish 2,000 copies of the proceedings of this meeting and distribute them in the usual manner.

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ARTICLE XVIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

All vacancies occurring in the Boards were referred to the Committee on Nominations, and this committee on Saturday afternoon

reported to Synod a double set of candidates. The report was adopted and the committee instructed to have 200 tickets printed for use of Synod and the election made the order of the day for Monday morning after the opening. On Monday morning the report was reconsidered, and the name of Wm. Rupp, D. D., was added to the list of candidates on the Board of Beneficiary Education. The report was then adopted as a whole.

Under (item 19) report of the Committee of Overtures, notice was given of the expiration of the term of B. Wolff, Jr., trustee of Franklin and Marshall College. On motion B. Wolff, Jr., was re-elected trustee of Franklin and Marshall College, the Stated Clerk casting the ballot.

At the appointed time the President appointed Revs. J. F. Wiant, A. K. Kline, E. S. Hassler, and Elders A. Cort and Henry Hay, tellers, and the election was held and resulted as follows:

Trustee of Synod, Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, B. Wolff, Jr., Prof. E. Mackey, Elder J. M. Conroy and Rev. S. T. Wagner, *for unexpired term of J. M. Schick, D. D.*, Rev. C. Gumbert; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. D. N. Dittmar and R. F. Gass, *for unexpired term of Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D.*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D.; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. D. A. Souders; *Sunday-school Board*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell, *for unexpired term of Rev. J. J. Wagoner*, Rev. J. N. Naly.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.; *for four years*, Elders G. M. Hartzel; *for three years*, R. S. Jamison; *for two years*, Elder J. D. Meese; *for one year*, Elder W. G. King.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, Rev. S. T. Wagner, B. Wolff, Jr., Prof. E. Mackey, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for three years*, Revs. T. S. Land, H. S. Garner, C. Gumbert, Elder A. O. Eberhart; *for two years*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., John McConnell, Elders J. T. Hamilton, Peter Keil; *for one year*, Revs. R. C. Bowling, C. R. Ferner, S. S. Miller, Elder R. S. Jamison.

Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Revs. D. N. Dittmar, R. F. Gass; *for two years*,

vs. J. F. Wiant, H. D. Darbarker; *for one year*, Revs. D. B. dy, D. D., A. M. Schmidt.

Board of Beneficiary Education.

For five years, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D.; *for four years*, Rev. J. Snyder; *for three years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.; *for two years*, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D.; *for one year*, Rev. D. N. ttmar.

Board of Home Missions.

For five years, Rev. D. A. Souders; *for four years*, Rev. A. M. eifer; *for three years*, Rev. R. C. Bowling; *for two years*, Elder M. Conroy; *for one year*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.

Sunday-school Board.

For five years, Rev. C. M. Hartzell; *for four years*, Rev. D. N. arnish; *for three years*, Elder C. W. Truxal; *for two years*, Rev. M. Keifer; *for one year*, Rev. J. N. Naly.

Publication Board.

For three years, Elder C. M. Bousch; *for one year*, B. Wolff, Jr.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Charles Santee, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jno. D. iles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa.; John J. ssley, Hummelstown, Pa.; Martin J. Riegel, Riegelsville, Pa.; hn B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; George H. Heilman, Heilmansdale, .; Hon. Jeremiah S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, arrisburg, Pa.

Board of Trustees.

Potomac Synod.—Elders, George N. Forney and Edgar Slagel, *for six years*; H. Wirt Shriver and Jacob H. Cost, *for four years*, d Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hench, *for two years*.

Pittsburgh Synod.—W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.; C. M. uxal, Myersdale, Pa.; P. Keil, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Easton, Pa.; hn Phil. Stein, D. D., Reading, Pa.; Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., lentown, Pa.; Thos. G. Apple, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; Chas. G. sher, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; M. H. Kieffer, D. D., Easton, Pa.

Board of Visitors.

Potomac Synod.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., and C. Clever, D. D., *for four years*, and Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and J. O. Mil D. D., *for two years*.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., Myersdale, I
and A. J. Heller, D. D., Harmony, Pa.

Synodical Members of Trustees of F. and M. College.—B. W. Jr., Hon. H. P. Laird, Prof. E. Mackey.

Synodical Editor of Messenger.—1893 to 1896, Rev. D. Lady, D. D.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

Treasurer's Report.

On Saturday morning the Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee to audit and report upon. It is as follows :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church :

PITTSBURGH SYNOD, in account with R. S. JAMISON, Treasurer.

DR.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1893.									
Oct.	19.	Received of Rev. C. R. Ferner, Treasurer..						\$151.16	
Dec.	20.	" " " " " " ..						280.89	
1894.									
Feb.	17.	" " " " " " ..						193.82	
March	22.	" " " " " " ..						113.12	
April	6.	" " " " " " ..						470.36	
May	11.	" " " " " " ..						152.17	
May	25.	" " " " " " ..						395.80	
Aug.	14.	" " " " " " ..						58.54	
Sept.	16.	" " " " " " ..						150.01	
Oct.	8.	" " " " " " ..						242.59	
1893.									
Oct.	19.	" for Hungarian Missions.....						3.98	
		Wichita Endowment Fund.....							51
		Calvin College.....							61
		Hungarian Missions.....							51
		Theological Seminary.....							

Franklin and Marshall College.....	\$118.63
Church Extension	11.86
Home Missions	53.42
Beneficiary Education.....	2.20

\$2,533.39

Apportionment.....\$2,255.00

Received on the same..... 2,176.42

Deficit..... \$78.58

Apportionment Foreign Missions..... \$800.00

Deficit..... 800.00

CLARION CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1894.

Jan. 6. Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treasurer... \$135.00

Feb. 20. " " " " " ... 100.00

May 21. " " " " " ... 200.00

May 25. " " " " " ... 300.00

Sept. 6. " " " " " ... 200.00

Oct. 12. " " " " " ... 250.00

\$1,185.00

Apportionment \$1,765.00

Received on same..... 1,185.00

Deficit \$580.00

Apportionment on Foreign Missions \$500.00

Deficit..... \$500.00

SOMERSET CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1893.

Nov. 24. Received of Rev. A. J. Heller, Treasurer.... \$300.00

1894.

Jan. 31. " " " " " 150.00

March 22. " " " " " 125.00

May 25. " " " " " 576.38

Oct. 4. " " " " " 175.00

Oct. 18. " " " " " 35.00 \$1,361.38

Salary of Sunday-school Gen. Supt. 2.66

Calvin College..... 9.13

Franklin and Marshall College..... 9.12

Church Extension..... 6.57

\$5,107.25

Apportionment \$1,638.00

Received on same 1,361.38

Deficit \$276.62

Apportionment on Foreign Missions \$500.00

Deficit \$500.00

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1893.						
Nov.	14.	Received of C. M. Bousch, Treasurer	\$100.00			
1894.						
Jan.	6.	" " " "	99.33			
March	30.	" " " "	103.40			
April	20.	" " " "	196.56			
Oct.	10.	" " " "	500.00			
						\$999.
		Apportionment	\$1,397.00			
		Received on same	999.29			
		Deficit	\$397.71			
		Apportionment on Foreign Missions				\$400
		Deficit				400

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1894.						
April	13.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer	\$30.00			
July	13.	Beneficiary Education Treasurer .....	.25			
		Home Missions Treasurer	669.84			
Oct.	12.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer	20.00			
		Home Missions	30.99			
		Beneficiary Education	5.00			
		Contingent Fund	4.57			
		Church Extension	5.00			
						\$765
		Franklin and Marshall College				
		Foreign Missions				115
		Ministerial Relief				50
						\$7,040
		Apportionment	\$920.00			
		Received on same	765.65			
		Deficit	\$154.35			
		Apportionment on Foreign Missions	\$400.00			
		Received on same	115.00			
		Deficit	\$285.00			
1894.						
Oct.	12.	Received of Rev. D. S. Fouse amount collected for Home Missions within Pittsburgh Synod				\$94
		Total receipts				\$7,135

DISBURSEMENTS.

1894.			
Nov.	1.	Paid Rev. A. M. Keifer expenses of entertainment of Synod	\$10.00

1893.									
Dec.	11.	Paid Rev. Wm. Rupp, expense of removal.....	\$100.00						
1894-									
Jan.	26.	Paid notary fees.....	2.25						
Feb.	12.	Paid Reformed Church Publishing House, publishing Minutes.....	175.89						
March	26.	Paid Rev. J. M. Schick, postage arranging last meeting	2.31						
		Paid Rev. J. M. Schick, record book.....	2.35						
		Paid Rev. J. M. Schick, freight and cartage on published Minutes	3.65						
		Paid Rev. J. M. Schick, postage and wrappers, published Minutes	20.09						
		Paid Rev. J. M. Schick, salary as Stated Clerk.	75.00						
April	27.	Paid Reformed Church Publishing House, Inaugural Address, Dr. Rupp	87.50						
May	14.	Paid Rev. R. C. Bowling, expenses on Mission Board Duties.....	5.50						
May	22.	Paid A. E. Truxal, expenses to Lancaster, Board of Visitors.....	9.00						
		Paid A. J. Heller, expenses to Lancaster, Board of Visitors.....	9.75						
May	23.	Paid Rev. D. B. Lady, stamps and envelopes for inaugural address of Dr. Rupp.....	7.50						
									\$510.79
		PAID TO MINISTERIAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION.							
1894.									
Jan.	8.	Paid to Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer.....	\$50.00						
April	9.	" " " " "	50.00						
April	25.	" " " " "	75.00						
Sept.	8.	" " " " "	150.00						
									\$325.00
		PAID TO BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.							
1893.									
Dec.	19.	Paid Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer....	\$350.00						
1894.									
March	16.	Paid Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer....	400.00						
May	5.	" " " " "	200.00						
May	23.	" " " " "	150.00						
									\$1,100.00
		PAID TO CHURCH EXTENSION.							
1894.									
Oct.	10.	Paid to C. M. Bousch, Treasurer.....	\$500.00						
		PAID TO HOME MISSIONS.							
1894.									
Jan.	24.	Paid to Rev. Jas. T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$100.00						
March	15.	" " " " "	500.00						
April	21.	" " " " "	800.00						
July	27.	" " " " "	1,500.00						

Amount collected by Rev. D. S. Fouse, within the Pittsburgh Synod.....	\$94.78	
	<hr/>	\$2,994
Total receipts.....	\$7,135.14	
Total disbursements.....	5,430.57	
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Cash on hand to be disbursed for the following objects.....		\$1,704
Due Wichita Endowment Fund.....	\$50.00	
“ Calvin College.....	75.14	
“ Hungarian Missions.....	50.80	
“ Theological Seminary.....	4.05	
“ Franklin and Marshall College.....	128.25	
“ Church Extension.....	18.43	
“ Home Missions.....	53.42	
“ Beneficiary Education	2.20	
“ Salary of Sunday-school Superintendent.	2.66	
“ Foreign Missions.....	115.00	
“ Ministerial Relief.....	52.66	
“ Apportionment Fund.....	1,151.95	
	<hr/>	\$1,704
Apportionment for 1893 and 1894.....	\$7,975.00	
Total receipts on apportionment.....	6,487.74	
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Deficit	\$1,487.26	
Apportionment for Home Missions.....	4,500.00	
Paid on same.....	2,900.00	
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Due		\$1,600
Apportionment for Beneficiary Education....	\$1,700.00	
Paid on same.....	1,100.00	
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Due		600
Apportionment for Church Extension	\$750.00	
Paid on same.....	500.00	
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Due		250
Apportionment for Teacher of Elocution....	\$75.00	
Due		75
Apportionment for Relief of Ministers.....	\$325.00	
Paid on same.....	325.00	
Apportionment for Hungarian Missions.....	275.00	
Due		275
Apportionment for Contingent Expenses....	250 00	
Paid on same.....	410.00	
Apportionment for Dr. Rupp's moving ex- penses.....	100.00	
Paid on same.....	100.00	
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Due various causes.....		\$2,800

In hands of Treasurer to pay the same.....	1,151.93
Deficit.....	\$1,648.07
Over paid Contingent Fund.....	160.79
Total deficit.....	<u>\$1,487.28</u>

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. JAMISON, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Ex-Treasurer C. M. Bousch, of Monies tied up in the Dick Bank.

Ex-Treasurer C. M. Bousch reported on Thursday afternoon, and the report was referred to the Finance Committee for auditing, and Elder Bousch was authorized to see to the further collection and disbursement of the monies tied up in the Dick Bank, report as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Balance in his care after last annual session:

		Dr.	Cr.
Due to Endowment Fund of Theological Professorship.....	\$93.47		
Due to Endowment Fund of Wichita University	1.50		
Due to Calvin College.....	26.10		
Due to Church Extension Fund ..	250.00		
Due to Home Missions.....	1,066.09		
Due to F. and M. College.....	24.12		
Due to Theological Seminary, Lancaster.....	75.00		
Due to General Fund of Synod..	<u>137.35</u>	\$1,673.63	

1893.

Sept.	28.	Received for Endowment Fund of Theological Professorship:		
		Amount of note of H. D. Hecker.	\$10.00	
		Amount of note of Mrs. E. Kemmer	10.00	
		Amount of note of Miss E. Kemmer	10.00	
		Amount of note of Jno. Baker....	<u>50.00</u>	\$80.00
		Collection at Synod for Ministerial Relief Association		\$8.52

PAID OUT.

1893.

Sept.	24.	To Dr. Lady for Endowment Fund Theological Professorship	\$93.47
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Sept.	29.	To Dr. Lady for Endowment Fund Theological Professorship.....	\$80.00
Sept.	29.	To W. R. Barnhart, Esq., expenses.....	12.00
Sept.	30.	To Rev. S. S. Miller, Ministerial Relief Association	8.52
Oct.	20.	To Rev. John F. Winter, Treasurer Calvin College.....	26.10
Oct.	20.	To J. W. Bausman, Treasurer Franklin and Marshall College.....	24.12
1894.			
Oct.	6.	To C. M. Bousch, Treasurer Church Extension Fund	250.00
1893.			
Oct.	13.	To Jas. T. Reber, Treasurer Home Missions.	90.25
1894.			
July	12.	To Jas. T. Reber, Treasurer Home Missions.	94.37
Oct.	3.	To Jas. T. Reber, Treasurer Home Missions.	96.60
		Balance remaining....	986.72
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			\$1,762.15 \$1,762.15

The balance in this account is due :

To Endowment Fund of Wichita College...	\$1.50	
To Theological Seminary, Lancaster.....	75.00	
To Home Mission Fund	784.87	
To General Fund of Synod.....	125.35	986.72
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Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BOUSCH, *Treasurer.*

OCTOBER 10, 1894.

Report of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee reported on Monday evening and the report was considered by items, and the items severally and the report as a whole were adopted, as follows :

To the Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report :

We have audited the Treasurer's report and found it correct, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$1,704.56.

We find two of the Classes still in arrears on the Wichita Fund as follows :

Somerset Classis.....	\$175.00
Allegheny Classis.....	425.00
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	\$600.00
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Of this amount \$422.82 is due Elder Jacob Byers, on which Synod must pay interest.

We find the several Classes in arrears in Classical Apportionment as follows :

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$1,724.12
Clarion Classis.....	2,221.06
Somerset Classis.....	2,693.99
St. Paul's Classis.....	1,800.45
Allegheny Classis.....	1,165.98

We find the several Classes in arrears in the Tentative Apportionment for Foreign Missions as follows :

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$800.00
Clarion Classis.....	500.00
Somerset Classis.....	500.00
St. Paul's Classis.....	400.00
Allegheny Classis.....	285.00

The following sums have been referred to our Committee for Apportionment on the various Classes :

Home Missions.....	\$4,500.00
Beneficiary Education.....	1,600.00
Church Extension.....	977.00
Hungarian Missions.....	450.00
Society for the Relief of Ministers.....	325.00
Harbor Missions.....	150.00
Teacher of Elocution.....	75.00
Contingent Fund for Theological Seminary	200.00
Contingent Expenses of Synod.....	250.00
	<u>\$8,527.00</u>

To meet the amount thus assumed we recommend the following apportionment :

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$2,375.00
Clarion Classis	1,840.00
Somerset Classis.....	1,760.00
St. Paul's Classis	1,452.00
Allegheny Classis	1,100.00
	<u>\$8,527.00</u>

We were instructed also to make a Tentative Apportionment for Foreign Missions on the various Classes to the amount of \$2,600, which we have apportioned as follows :

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$800.00
Clarion Classis.....	500.00
Somerset Classis	500.00
St. Paul's Classis.	400.00
Allegheny Classis.....	400.00
	<u>\$2,600.00</u>

We have audited the Ex-Treasurer's report and found it correct, with a balance in favor of Synod of \$986.72.

We would recommend the following for adoption :

Resolved 1, That the Classes in debt to the Wichita Fund be urgently requested to pay their arrearages at the earliest possible day.

Resolved 2, That the Classes be instructed to pay all their monies for Foreign Mission work, through the Treasurer of Synod, with the exception of the monies contributed for the support of Revs. H. K. Miller and S. S. Snyder, in order that the Classes may receive credit on their apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. S. FREEMAN, FRANK WETZEL,
I. N. BURGER, L. E. WEBER.

On Reporting Finances.

On Monday evening the following resolution was presented and adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, together with the Treasurers of the five Classes, be appointed a committee to devise means and methods for the better presentation and reporting of the finances of the Synodical and Classical years ; this committee to report to this Synod at its next annual meeting.

ARTICLE XX.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at last meeting of Synod, and called up by item 1 of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, reported on Friday morning. The report was adopted as a whole, as follows :

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Committee on Necrology, appointed at your last annual meeting, beg leave to submit the following :

No death having occurred in our ranks during the year, we as a Synod express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his loving care over us and ask protection for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. LONG,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT, C. W. SUMMEY.

ARTICLE XXI.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of the Sunday-school Board.

The report of the Sunday-school Board was presented on Thursday afternoon by the President, and the report was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools ; it is as follows :

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

DEAR BRETHREN : Your Sunday-school Board submits the following report of its work during the year ending with this meeting of Synod.

The Board held three meetings, the first in Zion's Reformed Church, Greenville, Pa., at the close of last Synod, when an organization was effected, by the election of Rev. A. M. Keifer, President ; Rev. D. N. Harnish, Secretary, and Elder C. W. Truxal, Treasurer. The second was held July 11, 1894, in Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., when the Board had a conference with the Secretary of General Synod's Board, in which his plans and purposes were laid before this Board. The third was held October 11th, in the First Reformed Church, Greensburg, at which this report was adopted.

The work of this Board has been carried forward with some degree of success during the past year. The organization of Classical Sunday-school Associations, which have been the most important undertaking of the Board, is now nearly realized. In each Classis of this Synod, except in that of Clarion, there is a flourishing association which meets annually.

The Association of Westmoreland Classis held its second annual convention in the Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, June 27th and 28th; that of St. Paul's Classis in the Reformed Church, Deckard, Pa., September 19th and 20th; that of Allegheny Classis, at Harmony, Pa., during the last week of October, 1893; that of Somerset Classis, in the Reformed church at Berlin, during the last week of August, 1894.

For several reasons we have not thus far been able to compile reliable statistics for the use of Synod. This part of the work is exceedingly difficult, owing partly to the imperfect condition of our organization and partly to the lack of proper attention on the part of pastors and others. Our work has also been hindered somewhat by the uncertainty connected with the Sunday-school work of the whole Church, brought about by the election of a General Secretary. This, however, will no doubt be settled in due time.

During the coming year we hope to perfect the organization in our Synod and bring our methods of gathering statistics to a system. To enable us to do this we recommend:

1. That the several pastors of the Synod be instructed through the Classes to report the condition of the Sunday-schools to the Classes at the annual meeting, using for the purpose the blank herewith submitted, which report shall be immediately sent by Classis to the Secretary of this Board.

2. That each Classis be requested to appoint a Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, to coöperate with this Board.

3. That Friday evening, October 12th, be devoted to a meeting in the interest of the Sunday-school work and that addresses be delivered on the following subjects:

1. "The Sunday-schools in Relation to Missions," Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.

2. "How can we Improve the Singing in our Sunday-schools?" Rev. J. S. Freeman.

3. "Preparation for Teaching in the Sunday-school," Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D.

The term of Rev. C. M. Hartzell, the member from Westmoreland Classis, expires with this meeting.

It will also be necessary to elect a successor to Rev. J. J. Wagoner, from Clarion Classis, for one year.

	No. of Officers and Teachers.	Membership.	Rel'n to Ch.	Educational.	Contribution.
Names of all the Sunday-schools in connection with this Congregation or Charge.	No. of Scholars.	Total No. of Scholars in full membership of the Church.	Is the Catechism used in the School?	To S. S. work of General Board	
	No. of Officers, Teachers and Scholars	Total No. of baptized scholars.	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	To other Boards and Institutions of the Church.	
Is School held all the year?	Average Attendance.	Number of scholars received during the past year into full membership	No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per month. (Not Lesson Papers.)	To other benevolent objects.	
If Union School, estimated Reformed Enrollment.			No. of books in Library?	To support of the school.	
			Is the school graded into more than two departments?		

(PLEASE ANSWER EVERY QUESTION)

1. In filling columns for "Contributions," omit fractions of a dollar: place under heading "Other Benevolent Objects" all sums given by the school to other objects than the benevolent denominational agencies.
2. This blank when filled and returned to the Stated Clerk of Classis is to be handed by him to the Chairman of the Classical Committee on Sunday-school Work, by whom its facts will be tabulated and forwarded to the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, the Sunday-school Secretary.
- This Blank is approved by the General Sunday-school Board.

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. KEIFER,
D. N. HARNISH, C. M. HARTZELL.

II. Report of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod.

On Thursday afternoon the report of the Sunday-school Board

was presented by the General Secretary, and the report was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools. It is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

BRETHREN: In behalf of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, we beg leave to submit a brief report to your reverend body.

The Sunday-school Secretary, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, entered upon his labors January 1, 1894, and since the work first committed to the Board in 1887 has been moving forward in a satisfactory manner. It is cause for thanksgiving to God to be able to state that pastors, churches and schools and the several Classes have heartily coöperated in the work as outlined by the Board. This is evidenced by the fact that Children's Day was observed by nearly all of our schools this year, the Service—"Gather Them In"—issued by the Board, being used by them; 78,000 copies of the Service were sent out and 65,000 collection envelopes. The generous offerings of the schools have placed the finances of the Board in a sound condition. A total of \$4,200 has been received to date.

The Board finds that its work naturally divides into four departments, each and all of which directly pertain to the extension, efficiency and improvement of our Sunday-schools, viz.: The Department of Statistics, the Department of Missionary and Sunday-school Work, the Department of Instruction and the Department of Publication.

As reliable information is the basis of intelligent action, the General Board, in order to secure full and complete statistics, has prepared a statistical Sunday-school blank, and it proposes their voluntary use by pastors and charges until such time as General Synod may arrange for fuller Sunday-school statistics.

Work has begun in the organization of mission Sunday-schools. We are happy to report that the Board has aided in the establishment of ten schools in the last eight months, four of which were organized directly through the Secretary and the Brotherhood Missionary. In addition several other mission schools have been aided in various other ways, and a general movement has been inaugurated to increase our Sunday-school membership; a marked increase has already been noticed in the statistical reports from the Classes.

The Board has had in charge the preparation and editing of the "Lesson Helps" since 1888, and it will be more than ever the effort of the Board to aid the schools of the Church in the study of the

Bible. A new department of editorials and contributed articles has already been added to "The Heidleberg Teacher," and other improvements to our "Lesson Helps" will be made, so far as it is possible.

The Board and its Secretary feel grateful for the kind coöperation of the Synodical Sunday-school Boards, of the publishers and of the pastors and Sunday-school workers generally in entrance of the Secretary upon the duties of his office and in the organization of the general work.

We desire to assure your reverend body of our purpose to carry forward the Sunday-school work in harmony with the polity and the recognized ecclesiastical authorities of our Church, and especially with due regard to the fact that the pastor of the congregation is the pastor of its Sunday-school, and as such its proper head. For this reason the Board also feels that it would be well for the respective Classes to have a Permanent Classical Committee on Sunday-school Work; through which the Synodical and General Sunday-school Boards can coöperate, and which will care for the General Sunday-school work of the Classis as well as conserve the rights of the Classis.

The outlook is bright. We confidently expect the continued co-operation of the Church, and believing that the blessing of God is upon the work, we are sure our beloved Reformed Church is entering upon a new era of Sunday-school activity.

We respectfully present for your favorable consideration the following action of the General Sunday-school Board, taken at its annual meeting, Christ's Reformed Church, Altoona, Pa., June 27, 1894.

WHEREAS, The General Synod authorized the Sunday-school Board to call upon the Sunday-schools of the Church to give a cent a Sunday-school member, to support the General Sunday-school work;

AND WHEREAS, The response of the schools has permitted the Board to enter upon the work; and the united action of hundreds of our schools in giving their Children's Day offering to the General Sunday-school Board has been so hearty and generous; therefore

Resolved, That all schools are requested to make Children's Day the time for the annual offering for the support of the work of the Board, it being understood that the cent a member will be considered as included in the Children's Day offerings.

Resolved, That all schools which do not give the Children's Day offering are kindly asked to contribute a cent a Sunday-school member for the work of the General Sunday-school Board.

Resolved, That this action of the Board be communicated to the various District Synods, and they are hereby overtured to request their Classes to adopt this plan of supporting the general Sunday-school work.

C. CLEVER,	}	<i>Executive Committee.</i>
D. B. LADY,		
J. H. BOMBERGER,		
RUFUS W. MILLER,		<i>Sunday-school Secretary.</i>

OCTOBER 10, 1894.

Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported on Friday afternoon, and the report was considered by items. The items were severally adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

To the Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN: To your committee were referred two papers or overtures, one from Pittsburgh Synod's Sunday-school Board, and one from General Synod's Board.

It is with pleasure and a sense of deep gratitude that we learn of the increased interest shown in the important work of the Sunday-school. Also of the advances made throughout the Church in gathering the children into the nurseries of the Church. In order that still further increase may come to the Church, especially to the congregations and schools within the bounds of this Synod, we most respectfully recommend the following:

1. That the *blank form herewith submitted be adopted by this Synod as the form to be used in making statistical reports of the Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Synod.

2. That the pastors of this Synod be instructed, through the Classes, to report the condition of their Sunday-schools to their Classes at their annual meetings, using for this purpose the blank herewith submitted.

3. That each Classis be instructed to appoint a Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools, to coöperate with this Synod's Board.

4. Recognizing the efficient work already done by the General

* See Blank submitted by S. S. Board of Pittsburgh Synod, page 77.

Synod's Sunday-school Board, and that funds are needed to carry forward the pioneer work of this Board, we further recommend that an annual offering amounting at least to one cent (1c.) per member, for every enrolled member in all the schools within the bounds of this Synod, be made.

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,
D. N. HARNISH, A. M. KEIFER,
JOHN SKILES, A. B. UBER.

ARTICLE XXII.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

On Saturday afternoon the Committee on Overtures reported (item 17) complaint of Rev. W. H. Bates against certain action of Westmoreland Classis, and the Committee on Minutes of Classes (item 6) on Monday afternoon also reported an appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates. Under consideration of the latter item Rev. R. L. Gerhart, in behalf of Rev. W. H. Bates, withdrew the complaint, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to enter upon the Minutes the withdrawal of the complaint.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On Thursday afternoon, under item 3 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, the following communication was received and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. J. F. Wiant, Wm. Rupp, D. D., and Elder J. M. Conroy, viz. :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN: The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers, presents for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 29, 1894 :

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last report.....	\$2,396.00
“ from Collections in the Churches.....	2,256.00
“ “ Interest on Investment.....	1,213.00
“ “ Miscellaneous Sources.....	500.55
“ “ Matured Loan.....	500.00
	<u>\$6,866.44</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 40 Annuitants	\$2,410.00
“ for Investment.....	1,500.00
“ “ Expenses	160.10
Cash in Treasury.....	<u>2,796.34</u>
	<u>\$6,866.44</u>

As will be seen from the above statement, the number of annuitants who have been helped is the same as last year, viz.: twenty-nine widows and eleven disabled ministers.

For the coming year application has been made for help by four others, two ministers and two widows. The cash in the Treasurer's hands will be needed to meet the appropriations made by the Society at the annual meeting, October 16, 1894.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of the following from the collections and contributions to wit:

Life Members—Revs. A. J. Bachman, W. R. H. Deatrich, J. H. Schlappich, A. M. Keifer, W. M. Landis, W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., C. Becker, W. Donat, C. S. Gerhard, D. D., J. W. Miller, J. W. Rauch, D. W. Kerr, T. A. Huber, J. E. Smith, A. C. Snyder, L. Rike, S. C. Goss, G. W. Snyder, J. B. Lewis, O. F. Schaffer, B. F. Bausman, A. C. Witmer, D. W. Gerhard, F. Pilgram, J. J. Wagoner, A. A. Black, W. R. Hofford, D. D., U. O. H. Kerschner and H. J. Welker.

Annual Members—Revs. C. Gundlach and Louis Brugger.

REV. W. M. DEATRICH, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa., *President*.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, Middletown, Md., *Secretary*.

REV. S. S. MILLER, St. Petersburg, Pa., *Treasurer*.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The following is a statement of the monies received and expended in account of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, within the bounds of your reverend body for the year ending September 29, 1894:

RECEIPTS.

St. Paul's Classis.....	\$89.60
Westmoreland Classis.....	72.52
Clarion Classis.....	65.00
Somerset Classis.....	27.37
Allegheny Classis.....	1.62
Pittsburgh Synod per Elder R. S. Jamison, Treasurer..	325.00
	<u>\$581.11</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Clarion Classis	\$275.00
Westmoreland Classis.....	275.00
St. Paul's Classis.....	75.00
	<u>\$625.00</u>

A place is asked in your printed Minutes for the enclosed statement of the general operations of the Society during the past year. Further, it is hoped that your reverend Synod will continue to encourage the Society in its noble work of relief, and, if possible, enlarge your interest in the good cause. With the prayer that the benediction of the Great Head of the Church may rest upon your deliberations,

I am yours fraternally in Christ.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

ST. PETERSBURG, PA., September 29, 1894.

The Report of Committee on Foregoing Report.

The committee to which this report was referred on Monday afternoon presented the following report, which was adopted, viz. :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN : Your committee to which was referred the report of the officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, respectfully report that we have examined the paper and are thankful to find that the Society is in a fairly healthy and prosperous condition for these times.

The whole amount of the receipts for the year is \$6,866.44. Of this amount \$4,070.10 have been paid out during the year, leaving \$2,796.34 in the Treasury. The number of the annuitants is the same as last year, viz. : Twenty-nine widows of deceased ministers and eleven disabled ministers.

A number of our ministers have been enrolled as life members

during the year, and the interest in the Society seems to be more general than formerly. In view of these facts we recommend the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod is pleased to learn of the prosperous condition of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and with thankfulness to God looks upon the prospect for the increased growth and usefulness of this noble work of relief.

2. *Resolved*, That we anew commend this Society to the prayers and liberality of the Church, and affectionately urge upon all ministers and members throughout the several Classes the need of larger givings to this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. WIAANT,

WM. RUPP, J. M. CONROY.

Report of the Committee on Overtures from Erie Classis.

Item 4, of the report of the Committee on Overtures, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. M. Schmidt, J. N. Naly and Elder G. F. Weber, reported on Monday afternoon. The report was considered by items, ordered printed, and a committee, consisting of Revs. A. M. Schmidt, A. J. Heller, D. D., and Elder C. M. Bousch, were appointed to report at next annual meeting. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The committee to whom the papers pertaining to the interests of Calvin College were referred beg leave to report as follows :

A careful reading of the overture from Erie Classis, together with a memorial from Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., the President of Calvin College, gives us the following facts.

In the course of 34 years 11 congregations and three important Church institutions have been established in the city of Cleveland. Of these three institutions, Calvin College comes to our notice through an overture from Erie Classis, which reads as follows :

A Resolution Passed by Erie Classis.

Resolved, That Erie Classis offers to the Eastern, the Potomac, the Pittsburgh and the Ohio Synods, equal rights as property holders and equal representation in the control of Calvin College, in such manner that they together shall have the same number of trustees as

the Classis of Erie, provided that said Synods are willing to contribute, or pledge themselves to contribute at some future time, the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

So done at the annual meeting of said Classis in May, 1894.

ATTESTED :

[SEAL.]

WM. FREIBOLIN, *Stated Clerk.*

In explanation of this overture the following facts are given: Calvin College was chartered in 1883 on the German-English plan. Because of this fact the majority of the German ministers and congregations have withdrawn their patronage from the College, thus crippling the institution and embarrassing it financially. The continuous transition from German to English going forward in the German congregations demands a ministry that can serve acceptably in the two languages. This need Calvin College aims to supply. The institution is located in the very heart and centre of the German Church in the United States, and if properly sustained will form an important link in welding together our German and English churches. The resources of the College are at present very limited, but the institution is, by no means, hopelessly embarrassed.

The expenses of the scholastic year 1893-94 amounted to \$2,712.00. The receipts for the same period were: Tuition and contingent fees, \$645.00; aid from German Synods, \$1,824.00; endowment, \$158.00. Total, \$2,627.00, a deficit of only \$85.00. The amount received and expended for beneficiary education, \$1,167.00, is not included in the above statement.

The assets and liabilities are (a) *The College Campus with Buildings.* Campus fronts on Pearl street 180 feet, on Trowbridge avenue 200 feet, on Scranton avenue 140 feet. A building lot was cut off from the original campus in 1872 for the publication house. This has been purchased since by the President of the College, Dr. Ruetenik, for \$5,000.00, and with this property the grounds form a rectangle. The present market value of the property is about \$15,000.00.

(b) *The College Endowment.*—The Endowment consists of a house on Peach street, now renting for \$96.00 per year; the Zimmerman Fund, \$250.00; the Haberstick Fund, \$350.00, and the Caroline Adams Fund, \$1,000.00. The College owes a funded debt of \$5,125.00 and a floating debt of \$650.00.

The liabilities of the College are no more nor less than they were in 1888, when the present administration was inaugurated. The

assets are \$3,000.00 larger by endowment, together with the increased value of the property.

Believing that the opportunity presented is one that merits the earnest support and confidence of the English Synods, your Committee most respectfully recommends the following:

1. That the overture from Erie Classis to this Synod, giving "equal right as property holders and equal representation in the control of Calvin College," be accepted by Pittsburgh Synod.

2. That Pittsburgh Synod pledge herself to raise at some future time her full share of the \$20,000 asked by Erie Classis from the four English Synods thus overtured.

3. That this Synod elect two representatives or commissioners, who shall meet with representatives from Erie Classis, to confer in regard to the future welfare and policy of Calvin College, who shall be empowered also to petition the Assembly of Ohio for such changes in the charter of Calvin College as will secure to this Synod, as well as other English Synods, equal rights with Erie Classis in the government and control of Calvin College.

Signed

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,
J. N. NALY,
G. F. WEBER.

Resignation of Stated Clerk.

On Thursday afternoon, under item 6 of the Committee of Over-ures, was received the resignation of Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D. The resignation was accepted and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Having removed beyond the bounds of the Synod, I tender you my resignation as Stated Clerk, with which office you have so kindly honored me for the past ten years.

I appreciate the fraternal consideration you have manifested to me, and the recollections of the universal good will you have shown me as long as I was a member of your reverend body will always be a source of gratification to myself.

Only the fact that the Synod to which I now belong meets at the same time as Pittsburgh Synod hinders me from offering my resignation in person, for I assure you it would have been a very great pleasure to have met with you again, and I look forward to the time when, in the providence of God, I may be permitted to attend another meeting of that Synod where I enjoyed the personal friendship of so many of you.

May God prosper Pittsburgh Synod in every good word and work and use you for His greater glory always.

Yours respectfully,

TIFFIN, OHIO, October 1, 1894.

J. M. SCHICK.

Resolutions on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Synod.

The following resolutions were read and adopted on Monday evening:

WHEREAS, This meeting of Pittsburgh Synod marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to the Head of the Church for the gracious providence which has been exercised over us, for the degree of success which has attended the various enterprises of our Synod and for the growth and prosperity which the Synod has attained.

Resolved, That we enter upon the next quarter century of our history with trust in the continued blessing of God, and with renewed consecration of ourselves and our energies to the service of our Church and the glory of God.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby tendered to Dr. Truxal for his address delivered on Thursday evening, during the present sessions, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for publication either in the Reformed Church Messenger or the Reformed Quarterly Review, as may be deemed best.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

On Friday afternoon Revs. H. King, C. Gumbert and Elder A. Cort were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence. This committee reported on Monday evening, and the report was on motion received and ordered to be recorded, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully report that ministers and elders were excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod, as follows:

Elder C. M. Bousch after Thursday afternoon session.

Elders H. B. Gowery and Joseph Korns after Friday afternoon session.

Revs. R. E. Crum and H. Dieckman, and Elders Jacob Hershey, A. O. Eberhart, Eli Stanton and W. W. Diechman after Saturday morning session.

Elders P. Klingler and Samuel Remaly after Saturday afternoon session.

Revs. J. McConnell and L. P. Görrig after Monday morning session.

Rev. C. Knepper and Elders U. M. Learn, John Fiscus, Wm. Bertz, J. B. Smith, Henry Beamer and J. S. Niles after Monday afternoon session.

Revs. C. W. Summy, U. O. H. Kerschner, J. N. Naly, E. D. Meixell, C. M. Hartzell and James Grant excused from last roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

H. KING,

C. GUMBERT, ABNER CORT.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

On Monday evening Synod entered upon selection of time and place for holding next meeting of Synod.

It was *resolved* to meet in general convention on second Wednesday in October, 1895, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

An invitation was extended by St. Paul's Reformed Church, Butler, Pa., when it was *resolved* that we accept the invitation of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Butler, Pa., and that when we adjourn to meet in said Church.

Instructions to the Treasurer.

On Monday evening it was *resolved* that the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay to the Revs. D. N. Dittmar and C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., the *pastors loci*, the sum of ten dollars to defray incidental expenses.

The Treasurer at Monday morning's session was instructed to pay to Rev. D. H. Leader \$1.00 to defray the expense of printing ballots for use of Synod.

For the Preservation of the Archives.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to rent space in a fire-proof vault for the archives of Synod.

Reporters.

On Thursday morning Revs. E. S. Hassler, L. T. Lampe, F. M. Line and E. D. Meixell were appointed to report the proceedings for the Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia papers.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

At the opening of every session (excepting Monday evening, when

the calling of the roll was dispensed with), the roll was called and a quorum found present. The Minutes were read, corrected and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of Synod.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted :

Resolved, That we gratefully tender our thanks to the kind people who here have been so untiring in their efforts to provide for our comfort whilst in their midst.

Resolved, That the pastors of the First and Second Reformed Churches in Greensburg give notice to their people of this action.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and are hereby tendered to the several railroad companies that granted reduced rates to the members of Synod, and that the Stated Clerk notify the proper officials of this action.

At the final roll call at the close of the session, Rev. S. S. Miller, Elders Alexander Leonard, H. Sarver and G. W. Kline were absent and unexcused.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned finally at 9:45 o'clock P. M., Monday, October 15, 1894, to meet in *general convention* in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Butler, Pa., on the second Wednesday in October (the 9th day), A. D. 1895 at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Synod closed with divine services, consisting of the Confession of the Apostle's Creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, singing Long Metre Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the President.

P. C. PRUGH, *President*.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy of original Minutes.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS, for the Year Ending May 19, 1894.

MINISTERS.	(CHARGES	Baptisms Additions.					Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resurre of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Periodicals.		Post Office Address.	
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.									Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Commenced.	Church Papers.	S. S. Papers.		
Jacob F. Snyder.....	Emmanuel	288	253	32	2	19	21	284	7	11	11	1	130	1	\$35.00	\$11.00	52	160	Manor Dale, Pa	
C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.	1st Greensburg.....	572	380	61	2	25	40	495	17	12	12	1	800	1	1,529.96	2,348.26	275	275	Greensburg, Pa	
W. H. Bates.....	St John's	178	100	30	3	7	17	140	2	1	1	1	455	1	88.16	1,041.70	54	54	Johnstown, Pa.	
C. M. Hartzell.....	Larrobe	351	198	21	7	61	20	830	28	10	4	4	160		401.61	1,144.00	50	400	Latrobe, Pa.	
Charles R. Ferner	Mr Pleasant	217	120	13	1	5	11	196	14	17	2	1	105	1	239.13	1,100.00	48	170	Mt Pleasant, Pa	
John N. Bauman	Grace	189	115	5	0	8	17	192	10	8	2	1	203		177.27	887.00	25	90	Jeannette, Pa	
J. Harvey Mickley	Scottdale	133	80	6	2	5	18	140	8	8	2	2	105		471.08	844.21	29	160	Scottdale, Pa	
David N. Dittmar	2d Greensburg	312	131	10	0	11	13	240	10	2	6	1	105		655.00	1,734.00	60	150	Greensburg, Pa	
David A. Souders	Irwine	253	231	22	1	17	12	238	11	2	3	2	224		416.68	1,620.86	122	115	Irwins, Pa	
Isalah N. Burger	Harrold's	294	155	22	1	17	0	210	11	2	3	1	115		195.21	2,384.95	50	75	Greensburg, Pa	
Charles W. Humm	Pine Run	311	170	8	1	25	7	244	10	31	9	3	170		496.67	780.77	40	200	North Washington, Pa	
John M. Evans	Denmark Manor.....	245	113	14	2	18	10	232	6	31	9	3	208		282.00	883.71	16	403	Harrison City, Pa	
Samuel H. Dietzel	Pleasant Unity	208	172	30	7	35	17	289	14	16	14	2	253	1	192.05	452.89	85	106	Pleasant Unity, Pa.	
Vacant	Brush Creek.....	224	105	12	0	14	5	182	6		6	2	164		283.00	1,328.00	40	25	Manor Station, Pa.	
Edwin D. Meixell	Salem	210	180	21	2	3	12	215	8		6	2	110		286.00	719.00	40	25	Delmont, Pa.	
Lucien Cort	Without charge																		Mt Pleasant, Pa,	
John McConnell	"																		Salina, Pa.	
James Grant	"																		Wilkinsburg, Pa.	
D. Snider Stephan.....	Youngstown																		Youngstown, Pa.	
Licentiate Takeo Noya.....	Youngstown																			
Ministers, 18.....	Charges, 16.....	811	4194	2355	306	96	252	219	3612	157	96	102	27	1820	4	19807	44	19807	40	1853
																				2144

Youngstown—New charge formed out of Larrobe and Pleasant Unity Charges.

CLARION CLASSIS, for the Year Ending May 17, 1894.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	CLARION CLASSIS.										PERKINS CLASSIS.		Post Office Address.							
		Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.		Teachers and Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Church Papers.	S. S. Papers.	
Robert C. Bowling.....	Kittanning.....	1	256	155	17	3	11	5	208	8	21	1	94	1	1	\$245	\$1150	80	126	Kittanning, Pa.	
Jacob F. Wiant.....	Paradise.....	4	526	387	32	31	28	16	502	15	14	4	445	1	1	718	1873	80	126	Troutville, Pa.	
Samuel T. Wagner.....	Beaver.....	2	430	214	23	1	10	4	319	6	10	2	176	1	1	501	845	56	175	Monroe, Pa.	
*David B. Lady, 11.....	Curleville.....	4	404	250	18	33	23	12	382	11	10	2	235	1	1	308	920	75	165	Curleville, Pa.	
Robert E. Crum.....	Du Bois.....	2	117	108	6	31	9	8	100	8	10	2	138	1	1	180	718	75	165	Du Bois, Pa.	
Richard F. Guss.....	Red Bank.....	4	378	174	13	1	24	12	364	2	13	6	240	1	1	278	2280	68	126	Hawthorn, Pa.	
Christian Gumbert.....	South Bend.....	3	144	80	11	2	13	2	167	10	10	4	120	1	1	322	685	22	30	Clary, Pa.	
Vacant.....	Embleton.....	2	183	140	4	2	10	1	115	9	10	1	130	1	1	61	155	35	75	St. Petersburg, Pa.	
Simon S. Miller.....	St. Petersburg.....	1	285	125	6	33	17	2	170	9	10	7	130	1	1	102	800	35	75	Worthville, Pa.	
David W. Kerr.....	St. John's.....	3	198	136	20	2	48	11	181	4	4	4	220	1	1	332	680	36	126	Elderton, Pa.	
L. W. Showers.....	Plumb Creek.....	4	307	250	9	3	7	9	311	7	10	3	212	1	1	130	462			Apollo, Pa.	
John N. Naly.....	Apollo.....	1	76	65	9	3	14	23	65	3	3	1	92	1	1	31	1234			Braddock, Pa.	
Joseph G. Shocemaker.....	Disabled.....																			Venus, Pa.	
William C. Houpt.....	Disabled.....																			Kimmsburg, Pa.	
† F. S. Kerr (Lic).....																					
Ministers, 12.....	Charges, 13.....	31	3304	2173	160	25	60	105	1914	77	104	52	28	2221	8	8	\$3175	\$13021	406	560	

* Resigned May 1, 1894, and dismissed to St. Paul's Classis. † Dismissed to Lancaster Classis.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS, for the Year Ending May 31, 1894.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	Baptisms' Additions				Congregations.	Members.		Discontinued.		Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools		Students for Min'y	Contributions		Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.		Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Commenced.	Dismissed.			Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			English.	German.
H D Darbaker	1st Reformed Church	1	65	64	7	2	5	74	14	5	2	2	1	94	846 00	8020 00			McKeesport, Pa.
John H Prugh, D D	Grace	1	437	224	15	15	15	315	12	12	10	10	1	140	2000 00	1200 00			Pittsburgh, Pa.
J S Freeman	Trinity	1	145	94	14	4	4	126	6	6	6	4	18	116	123 00	1217 00			Wilkinsburg, Pa.
J W Harnish	Butler	2	314	156	10	21	25	248	2	2	2	4	22	350	545 00	1673 00			Butler, Pa.
H S Garner	Fairview	1	200	110	20	5	5	181	6	6	12	4	25	140	98 00	909 00			Baldwin, Pa.
D G Klein	Sugar Creek	1	172	119	5	1	10	148	5	4	12	6	15	186	110 00	425 00			Adams, Pa.
H E Snyder	Bethany	1	61	65	6	1	4	50	3	3	3	1	11	69	26 00	675 00	8		Butler, Pa.
Ambrose M Schmidt	St. Mark's Memorial.	1	88	45	5	4	4	54	4	4	4	1	11	58	2075 00	284 00	12		Pittsburgh, Pa.
Alpha K Kline	St. Luke's	1	65	45	8	1	7	50	1	6	6	1	11	70	51 00	481 00			Bradock, Pa.
J J Wagoner	Calvary	1	93	94	1	1	2	80	1	6	12	1	16	114	54 00	588 00			Turtle Creek, Pa.
Vacant	Harmony	1	255	180	38	1	7	240	1	12	12	1	16	121	142 00	600 00	20		Harmony, Pa.
Vacant	St. John's, Evans City	1	115	50				46					10	100	30 00	600 00			Evans City, Pa.
Frank Ferenczi	1st Hungarian	1	385	68	34		3	117			12	12	1			105 00			Pittsburgh, Pa.
Charles Knepper	Without charge																		Mansfield Valley, Pa.
Peter C Prugh, D D	Supt. Orphans' Home																		Butler, Pa.
Edward H Ottung	Without charge																		Warren, Ohio.
Milton F Frank	"																		Tiffin, Ohio.
John Kovacs	"																		Yorkton Association, Canada
Ministers, 18.	Charges, 13.	15	2424	1254	167	14	168	118	2078	85	75	56	14	169	1563		\$8670 00	\$1606 00	

SUMMARY OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD FOR 1894.

Classes.	Number of Synods.	Classes.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Periodical Collections.
							Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.									Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Westmoreland.....	18	31	4194	2585	306	252	219	3012	157	96	102	27	2609	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221
Clarion.....	12	31	3504	2173	129	60	105	2914	77	104	62	28	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221	2221
St Paul's.....	10	21	2760	1255	125	146	97	2255	35	11	47	19	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	216
Homestead.....	14	36	3411	2208	245	188	136	2747	77	81	68	29	2288	2288	2288	2288	2288	2288	2288	2288	2288
Allegheny.....	18	15	2424	1858	167	86	118	2078	86	75	55	14	169	169	169	169	169	169	169	169	169
Synod of Pittsburgh (Total).....	5	1	17108	9809	1000	734	745	13408	481	317	324	117	697	697	697	697	697	697	697	697	697
Eastern Synod.....	11	268	508	91648	50280	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Synod of Ohio.....	6	115	223	21011	5890	714	664	949	17081	404	4	738	542	198	2401	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981
German Synod of Northwest.....	10	112	214	28016	13737	1832	289	123	14198	244	5	515	510	186	10402	10402	10402	10402	10402	10402	10402
Synod of Potomac.....	9	160	302	85625	21143	2012	418	1082	80163	671	8	812	825	283	2656	2656	2656	2656	2656	2656	2656
German Synod of the East.....	5	58	53	13616	9936	2259	14	717	10887	103	1	697	445	51	1100	10711	1100	10711	1100	10711	1100
Central Synod.....	4	40	116	19588	11447	1281	56	860	10887	103	1	697	445	51	1100	10711	1100	10711	1100	10711	1100
Synod of the Interior.....	5	48	46	2866	1811	156	60	183	1446	253	19	479	390	108	1450	11850	1450	11850	1450	11850	1450
Total, 1894, 8 synods.....	55	984	1646	221478	128333	14752	1969	11289	8284	176228	8576	19	4499	5308	1610	16081	162230	231	92579	47	10170
Total, 1893, 8 synods.....	53	923	1491	216486	121926	14476	1646	10765	711472821	2585	31	8891	5180	1651	15066	164144	284	2199	19	9835	93

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Butler, Butler County, Pa., October 9th to 14th, 1895.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met, pursuant to resolution taken at its last meeting, in *General Convention*, on Wednesday evening October 9th, 1895, in St. Pauls Reformed Church, Butler, Butler County, Pa., and was opened with divine services. The opening sermon was, by the appointment of the retiring President, preached by Rev. Prof. Wm. Rupp, D. D., of Lancaster, Pa., from John 20: 21-23, "Jesus therefore said to them again, Peace be unto you: as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., and constituted with prayer. Thereupon the roll was called and a quorum being found present the Synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the election of officers.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers: Jacob F. Snyder, C. R. Diffenbacher, D. D., C. M. Hartzell, Charles R. Ferner,¹¹ John N. Bauman, J. Harvey Mickley, David A. Souders, Isaiah N. Burger,³ Charles W. Summey, John M. Evans, Samuel H. Dietzel, Edwin D. Meixell,¹¹ D. Snider Stephan, Thomas S. Land, Harry W. Bright and John McConnell.

Elders: W. W. Cline, David Walthour,⁸ James P. Kegg, D. E. Albert,⁹ J. Byers, C. A. Walter,⁹ W. R. Barnhart,^{3, 9} Joseph Eisaman,⁹ C. J. Snyder,⁷ S. B. Fisher,¹ John Shrum and Joseph Smith⁹.

Charges not represented: Harrolds, Pine Run, Scottdale and Salem.

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers: Robert C. Bowling,¹⁰ J. F. Wiant,^{3, 10} S. T. Wagner, R. E. Crum,⁵ R. F. Gass,⁷ Christian Gumbert,¹⁰ David W. Kerr, L. W. Showers,⁹ John N. Naly, J. D. Hunsicker⁹ and H. D. Darbaker.¹¹

Elders: J. H. Alt,⁴ H. Slaughenhoupt,⁹ L. E. Weber,⁸ W. G. King, J. C. Barnhart, Henry Bush,³ J. M. Schreckongost⁹ and T. T. King.

Charges not represented: Kittanning, Paradise, Emlenton and St. Petersburg.

III.—St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers: John D. Thomas,⁹ A. Marion Keifer,¹¹ U. O. H. Kerschner, George E. Limbert,¹¹ Francis M. Line, D. B. Lady, D. D.,⁹ A. M. Schaffner¹¹ and H. I. Crow.¹¹

Elders: C. Reitze, Jacob Mozer,^{1, 9} Edward Denniston,⁹ W. W. Deichman,⁹ Levi Hecker and Thomas G. Derr.⁹

Charges not represented: Zion's, Sharpsville and St. Paul's.

IV.—Somerset Classis.

Ministers: Hiram King, Abner R. Kremer, D. D.,⁹ Wm. Rupp, D. D.,⁹ Addison C. Snyder, Samuel C. Long, Albert S. Glessner,¹¹ Lewis T. Lampe,¹¹ Edgar S. Hassler, Daniel H. Leader, Franklin Wetzel, Henry Dieckman,¹¹ A. E. Truxal, D. D., and Eugene P. Skyles.¹¹

Elders: Wm. H. Miller,⁹ Henry M. Carver,⁹ W. H. H. Baker,⁸ John Biesecker,¹⁰ Josiah M. Hay,³ C. J. Otto,^{2, 10} J. Zimmerman¹⁰ and Conrad Poschman.¹⁰

Charges not represented: Wellersburg, Berlin, Wills Creek, Cumberland and Frostburg.

V.—Allegheny Classis.

Ministers: John H. Prugh, D. D.,¹¹ Peter C. Prugh, D. D., D. N. Harnish, H. S. Garner, D. G. Klein, H. E. Snyder, Ambrose M. Schmidt,⁹ Alpha K. Kline,² J. J. Wagoner,¹¹ Frank Ferenzi,³ A. J. Heller, D. D.,² and F. J. Muehe.³

Elders: J. M. Conroy,^{2, 7} H. W. Nicholas, J. D. Dauben-

speck,^{4. 6. 11} Wm. Ellenberger, Jos. Rumbaugh,^{2. 10} H. Biehl and B. F. Stemm.

Charges not represented: St. Mark's, St. Luke's, Calvary, Evans City, First Hungarian, McKeesport, and Trinity.

Advisory Members.

From Eastern Synod: Revs. W. E. Hoy, R. W. Miller, R. L. Gerhart, D. D., and Prof. John S. Stahr, D. D.

From Ohio Synod: Rev. C. L. Alspach.

From Potomac Synod: Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D.

From German Synod of the East: Rev. Charles A. Limberg.

From Central Synod: Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D.

From Interior Synod: Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.

Elders: Amos H. Ruhlman and C. M. Bousch, Esq.

Visiting Ministers.

Rev. Eli Miller, Lutheran Church.

Rev. W. E. Oller, Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. S. McKee, D. D., United Presbyterian Church.

NOTE.—¹Appeared Thursday morning. ²Thursday afternoon. ³Friday morning. ⁴Saturday morning. ⁵Monday afternoon. ⁶Occupied the seat of William Ellenberger, the Secundus. ⁷Excused on Friday afternoon. ⁸Saturday morning. ⁹Monday morning. ¹⁰Monday afternoon. ¹¹From last roll call.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year :

Rev. Daniel H. Leader, *President*, Elk Lick, Pa.

Rev. H. D. Darbaker, *Vice-President*, Emlenton, Pa.

Rev. J. Harvey Mickley is *Stated Clerk*, Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. S. T. Wagner, *Corresponding Secretary*, Monroe, Pa.

Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., *Treasurer*, Harmony, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk. The President agreeably to the Rules of Order defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first eight rows of chairs.

The session hours adopted by Synod were as follows : To meet at 9 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., and to adjourn at 11:30 o'clock A. M. and 4:30 o'clock P. M. These hours were observed except that on Saturday afternoon and Monday morning Synod met at 1:30 o'clock and 8:30 o'clock. On Friday and Monday

afternoons the time for adjournment was extended to 5:40 o'clock and 5:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following :

Religious Services.—Revs. D. N. Harnish, H. E. Snyder, D. G. Klein, and Elders Henry Biehl and H. W. Nicholas.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. H. Dieckman, C. Gumbert, C. M. Hartzel, Elders John Shrum and Edward Denniston.

Overtures.—Revs. D. H. Souders, F. Wetzel, F. M. Line, Elders D. E. Albert and James P. Kegg.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. S. T. Wagner, E. P. Skyles, J. N. Naly, Elders C. J. Otto and C. Poschman.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. John McConnell, J. F. Snyder, F. J. Muehe, Elders J. Byers and C. A. Walter.

State of the Church.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. D., J. M. Evans, S. C. Long, Elders L. E. Weber and W. W. Deichman.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., H. S. Garner, J. N. Bauman, Elders C. T. Snyder and J. M. Hay.

Missions.—Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., George E. Limbert, Elders W. H. H. Baker and J. Zimmerman.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., H. King, U. O. H. Kerschner, Elders Joseph Smith and David Walthour.

Education.—Revs. Wm. Rupp, D. D., A. M. Keifer, S. H. Dietzel, Elders J. Moser and Joseph Smith.

Publication.—Revs. A. M. Schmidt, H. D. Darbaker, L. T. Lampe, Elders John Biesecker and W. W. Cline.

Nominations.—Revs. T. S. Land, C. W. Summey, A. S. Glessner, Elders W. G. King and H. W. Nicholas.

Finance : Revs. C. R. Ferner, A. K. Kline, H. E. Bright ; Elders C. Reitze and T. T. King.

Ministerial Necrology : Revs. A. R. Kremer, D. D., A. M. Schaffner, A. C. Snyder ; Elders H. Slaughenhoupt and W. H. Miller.

Sunday-Schools : Revs. R. C. Bowling, J. J. Wagoner, E. S. Hassler ; Elders Henry Carver and B. F. Stemm.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committee.

2. The reports of the several Boards of Synod were read and referred to the proper committees.

3. Eleven other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services; viz :

1. The sessions of Synod throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Committee on Religious Services reported at various times, and the report, as finally adopted and carried out, is as follows :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to offer the following report :

Thursday Evening : The Sunday School. Rev. J. J. Wagoner presiding. Address by Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Friday Evening : Rev. J. M. Evans presiding.

*Addresses :—*1. Origin of the Reformed Church, by Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

2. Progress of the Reformed Church, by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.

3. Relation of the Reformed Church to other Churches, by Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.

Saturday Afternoon : 2:30 o'clock—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. A. M. Schaffner. Altar Services—Revs. U. O. H. Kerschner and C. W. Summey.

Saturday Evening : Rev. D. A. Souders presiding. Home Missions—Address by Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.

Sunday Morning : 9:45 o'clock—Sunday School. Addresses by Revs. W. E. Hoy and A. M. Keifer.

Sunday Morning : 11 o'clock—Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D. Altar Services—Revs. H. D. Darbaker and S. T. Wagner.

Sunday Evening—Foreign Missions : Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., presiding. Address by Rev. W. E. Hoy.

Other Churches.

St. John's Reformed Church, Sunday, 2:30 o'clock, Rev. J. F. Wiant.

Bethany Reformed Church. Preparatory Service Saturday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock—Sermon by Rev. F. M. Line. Altar Ser-

vices—Revs. G. E. Limbert and A. S. Glessner. Sunday morning, 11 o'clock—Sermon by Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner. Altar Services by Revs. S. H. Dietzel and J. N. Naly.

Presbyterian Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. A. M. Schmidt; 7:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. A. M. Keifer.

United Presbyterian Church, 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. C. L. Alspach, 7:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. A. E. Truxall, D. D.

Grace Lutheran Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. E. P. Skyles; 7:30 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. N. Bauman.

Free Methodist Church, 7:15 o'clock P. M., Rev. F. J. E. Muehe.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. HARNISH,

H. E. SNYDER,

D. G. KLEIN,

H. W. NICHOLAS,

HENRY BIEHL.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod presented its report on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Monday morning, which was received, considered item by item and finally adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The minutes of last year contain the following items of business claiming your attention:

Item 1, page 7. Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, of which Rev. A. M. Schmidt is chairman.

Item 2, page 10. Elder C. W. Truxal is continued as agent of this Synod, empowered with authority to collect subscriptions to the Seminary Endowment.

Item 3, page 29. The Endowment Committee is directed to canvass congregations not yet canvassed as soon as it is deemed advisable.

Item 4, page 29. Pastors in whose hands there are unpaid Seminary Endowment pledges are directed to make earnest efforts to collect these before January 1, 1895.

Item 5, page 29. Notes and pledges overdue, not paid by January 1, 1895, are to be placed for collection in the hands of Synod's Agent, Elder C. W. Truxal.

Item 6, page 29. Treasurer W. R. Barnhart is authorized to pass the Seminary Professorship funds over to Elder John B. Roth, General Treasurer of the Seminary.

Item 7, page 29. The Chairman of the Endowment Committee, together with Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher and Elder P. Keil, are appointed a committee to inspect the securities held by Treasurer W. R. Barnhart.

Item 8, page 29. This committee under certain conditions is

authorized to satisfy the bonds held by Synod against Treasurer W. R. Barnhart.

Item 9, page 30. The Treasurer is instructed to pay \$75 for instruction in elocution in the Theological Seminary.

Item 10, page 63. The Stated Clerk of Synod was instructed to publish and distribute 2000 copies of the proceedings of Synod.

Item 11, page 64-66. The terms of office of the following members expire :

Trustees of Synod, Elder W. G. King ; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. C. R. Bowling, C. R. Ferner, S. S. Miller and Elder R. S. Jamison ; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D. and A. M. Schmidt ; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. D. N. Dittmar ; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D. ; *Sunday-school Board*, Rev. J. N. Naly ; *Publication Board*, B. Wolff, Jr.

Item 12, page 71. Ex-Treasurer C. M. Bousch was authorized to see to the further collection and disbursment of moneys tied up in the Dick Bank.

Item 13, page 74. The Classes in debt to the Wichita Fund are urgently requested to pay arrearages as soon as possible.

Item 14, page 74. The Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod, together with the Treasurers of the five Classes, are a committee to devise means and methods for better reporting the finances.

Item 15, page 80. The Classes are instructed to appoint a permanent committee on Sunday-schools to coöperate with Synod's Board.

Item 16, page 84. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their widows is commended to the prayers and liberality of the Church.

Item 17, page 84. Three representatives are appointed to meet with representatives from Erie Classis regarding the future welfare of Calvin College.

Item 18, page 87. Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D. is requested to publish the historical address delivered at the anniversary services.

Item 19, page 88. The treasurer of Synod was directed to pay Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., and D. N. Dittmar \$10, also Rev. D. H. Leader \$1.

Item 20, page 88. The Stated Clerk was instructed to rent space in fire proof vault for Archives of Synod.

Item 21, page 89. The pastors of the First and Second Reformed churches, Greensburg, to give notice of resolution of thanks to their people.

Item 22, page 89. Stated Clerk is instructed to notify officials of the several railroad companies in regard to resolution of thanks of Synod for reduced rates to members of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. DIECKMAN,

C. GUMBERT,

C. M. HARTZELL,

JOHN SHRUM,

EDWARD DENNISTON.

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XX., Ministerial Necrology : On items 2, 6 and 7, see Article XIII. Theological Seminary : Items 3, 4, 5 and 15 were adopted. Items 8, 9, 10, 19, 21 and 22 were found attended to. Item 11. Adopted and referred to Committee on Nominations (see Art. XVIII.). On item 12, see Art. XIX. Finance. Items 13 and 16 were adopted and the action reaffirmed. On items 14, 17, 18 and 20, see Art. XXIII. Micellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at various times, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

DEAR BRETHREN : Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body :

Item 1. A request from Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D. D., with reference to the appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates.

Item 2. A communication from the Woman's Keely League requesting the observance of a day of prayer for temperance.

Item 3. A communication from Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, reporting his condition, and requesting a continuance of aid to him.

Item 4. The report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 5. The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 6. A report from Rev. D. B. Shuey of the financial standing of Wichita University.

Item 7. The report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows.

Item 8. The report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 9. The report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 10. A request from the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 11. The excuse of Rev. L. Cort for his absence from the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS,
F. WETZEL, D. E. ALBERT,
F. M. LINE, JAMES P. KEGG.

Item 1. The request was granted and the time was set for hearing the appeal.

Item 2. The report was read and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. A. M. Schmidt, A. E. Truxal, D. D., J. J. Wagoner ; Elders H. W. Nicholas and J. M. Conroy. The Committee failed to report.

Item 3. The brother was excused from attendance and the communication was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 4. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Publication. (See Art. XVII.)

Item 5. The report was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Art. XIV., Missions.)

Items 6 and 8. The reports were read and referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning. (See Art. XV.)

Item 7. The report was read and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. J. McConnell, C. Gumbert and Elder Jacob Moser. (For report see Art. XXIII.)

Items 9 and 10. The reports were read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary. (See Art. XIII.)

Item 11. The communication was read and the brother was excused.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Friday morning, which was received and considered item by item and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows :

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod :

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report :

I.—Irregularities.

1. The Minutes of Westmoreland Classis are not fully indexed in the margin.

II.—Requests—None.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

2. Rev. W. H. Bates appeals from the decision of Westmoreland Classis at Johnstown, Pa., November 12-14, 1894.

IV.—Subjects Referred.

3. The Classes took favorable action on all matters referred excepting : (a) Westmoreland Classis declines to use the blanks prepared by the General Synod's Board and instructed by Synod to use. (b) Somerset Classis assumed only \$98.19 of the \$1,760, apportioned upon the Classis by Synod.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

4. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. T. S. Land from St. Paul's Classis and Rev. Harry Bright from Lebanon Classis, Eastern

Synod, and ordained to the Gospel Ministry ; Licentiates E. D. Meixell and D. S. Stephan ; licensed J. Grant Walters and dismissed Rev. D. N. Dittmar to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod and Licentiate J. Grant Walters to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

5. *Clarion Classis* received Licentiate John D. Hunsicker from Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. H. D. Darbaker from Allegheny Classis, and ordained to the gospel ministry Licentiate John D. Hunsicker.

6. *St. Paul's Classis* received Rev. Albert M. Shaffner from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac ; Licentiate Harvey I. Crow from Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and licensed John C. Horning, and ordained to the gospel ministry Licentiates Harry I. Crow and John C. Horning, and dismissed Rev. T. S. Land to Westmoreland Classis.

7. *Somerset Classis* received Licentiate Eugene P. Skyles from Virginia Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and dismissed Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., to Allegheny Classis.

8. *Allegheny Classis* received Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., from Somerset Classis, and Licentiate F. J. E. Muehe from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, dismissed Rev. H. D. Darbaker to Clarion Classis and Rev. J. S. Freeman to Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod.

VI.—Time and Place of Next Annual Meetings.

9. *Westmoreland Classis* will meet in the First Reformed Church, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., May 13, 1896, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. H. Mickley, *President* ; Rev. J. F. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

10. *Clarion Classis* will meet in the Reformed Church, Worthville, Jefferson county, Pa., Wednesday, June 17, 1896, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. F. Wiant, *President* ; Rev. R. E. Crum, *Stated Clerk*.

11. *St. Paul's Classis* will meet in the Church of the Cross, Balm, Mercer county, Pa., Thursday, June 11, 1896, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. F. M. Line, *President* ; Rev. George E. Limbert, *Stated Clerk*.

12. *Somerset Classis* will meet in the Reformed Church, Rockwood, Pa., Wednesday, May 6, 1896, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. C. Snyder, *President* ; Rev. E. S. Hassler, *Stated Clerk*.

13. *Allegheny Classis* will meet in the Reformed Church, Evans City, Thursday, May 14, 1896, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. K. Kline, *President* ; Rev. D. N. Harnish, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. WAGNER,

E. P. SKYLES,

J. N. NALY,

CONRAD POSCHMAN,

C. J. OTTO.

Item 1. The irregularity was adopted. *Item 2* was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. F. Wiant, William

Rupp, D. D., A. R. Kremer, D. D. ; Elders J. M. Conroy and L. E. Weber, to examine whether the appeal be in order, and, if in order, to report an order for its hearing. For the report of the committee and action of Synod see (Art. XXII.) Items 3 to 13 were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported on Monday morning, and the report as adopted is as follows, viz:

To the Rev. Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Committee on Examination Licensure Ordination respectfully report that nothing was referred to us, claiming our attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McCONNELL,	
J. F. SNYDER,	J. BYERS,
F. J. MUEHE,	C. A. WALTER.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church submitted its report on Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN : Your Committee on the State of the Church begs leave to offer the following report :

It is, indeed, with feelings of mingled joy and sorrow, that we review the labors of another year within the bounds of our Pittsburgh Synod. From the various reports on the State of Religion within the bounds of the several Classes, we learn much that cheers and encourages the heart of God's faithful steward. God has indeed blessed the evangelical labors of His servants in the upbuilding of His people in their most holy faith, and in the ingathering of precious souls into His earthly kingdom. Many and varied are the experiences of the sowers of the precious seed. Though they often labor amid fears and sore discouragement, yet most blessed are their joys and experiences ! Though they do "sow in tears," they still "reap in joy." In the natural world it requires *shade* as well as sunshine to ripen the fruits of the earth ; so in the order of divine grace, it often requires the frowns of God's Providence to bring into full and blessed fruitage, the plants of God's grace.

The work of the past year causes the heart to fill with gratitude to the great spiritual head of the Church, and the lips to say : " Bless the Lord O, my soul ; and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Looking back over the past year we are encouraged, and looking forward into the future we are hopeful, realizing most fully that it is meet, right and our bounden duty at all times to give thanks to the Triune God.

It is a source of great satisfaction, as well as gratitude, to know, that despite the stagnation of business throughout our land, and the inactivity in the industrial world in general, the progress of the Church is manifest and her growth is strong and healthy ; evidencing the utterance of our Divine Master : " My kingdom is not of this world."

The work of the holy ministry has been prosecuted with but little interruption. The Word has been faithfully preached, and the sacraments have been administered in the sanctuary and in the sick chamber. The baptism of children and adults, the regular and systematic instruction of the young and the confirmation of the baptized, have been faithfully attended to. May God keep them as His own dear children, and growing in grace day by day, may they be " faithful to the end, and receive the crown of life."

We cannot help but rejoice the zeal and hearty activity evidenced in all the departments of church work. Our efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ have not only been earnest, but fruitful as well. We are thankful, too, to note, while greater demands are being made on the liberality of our people, the response is generally proportionate to the demands made. These many appeals that come to us from far and near, are bright and encouraging features in the general work and outlook for the future of our beloved Zion. The present visit of our foreign missionaries from Japan is giving to our foreign mission work a zeal and an inspiration that was not only much needed and to be hoped for, but one which should fill our hearts with thankfulness to Almighty God for a new baptism in this very important branch of church work. It is a commendable fact, too, that during the past year the consecrated women of our beloved Zion completed the work of organizing a Classical Missionary Society in every Classis in our Synod. With the prospect and help of such efficient auxiliaries, we take new courage, and go forward " and in the name of our God we will set up our banners."

The prosecution of our Sunday-school work has been attended with encouraging results. Our institutions of learning give us evidences of efficient work being done. It is, however, a source of deep regret that the endowment of our Pittsburgh professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster has not yet been completed. But we earnestly hope that the work will be vigorously pushed to its completion before the end of another year.

The general health of our people has been good, but there are those to whose lips has been pressed the cup of sorrow and affliction.

tion. One of our ministerial brethren, Rev. James Grant, who met with us in annual session one year ago, is not with us now, nor will he ever meet us on earth again. He has been summoned to his final reward. Though for some years he was not engaged in the active ministry we miss him. May his reward be "the crown of life." Only a short time after his departure his wife, the faithful partner of his joys and sorrows, was also called up higher. In humble reverence we can still say: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Thus, too, are *we* reminded that one of these enjoyable Synodical meetings will be *our* last, and the Master of the vineyard will call upon us to give an account of *our* Stewardship. We deeply sympathize with those of our ministerial brethren whose homes have been saddened by the departure of those so near and dear to them. We offer them the consolations of that same blessed gospel they so often offer to others; assuring them: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Death has not left unscathed the homes of our laity. The babe in tender infancy; the young man and the young woman in the vigor and strength of manhood and womanhood; the middle-aged and the hoary headed have fallen in life's stern conflict, and while we mourn not as those who have no hope, and as we fill up the ranks from which have been taken Christian warriors, tried, true and loyal to the end, we continue to warn the careless, admonish the indifferent and cheer the faint and fallen, and proclaim for all the pious dead, life and immortality.

Brethren; the past is rich in achievements and encouragements, and ought to be an inspiration for us in the future. In the light of our dear Saviour's promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," let us labor, pray and wait, assured that if we are faithful, the great Head of the Church will give the increase. In this spirit let us return to our respective fields of labor, thanking God for His many favors and blessings in the past, and relying on His sure word of promise for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. EVANS, P. C. PRUGH, D. D.,
S. C. LONG, L. E. WEBER,
W. W. DEICHMAN.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. Report of the Board of Visitors.

The Report of the Board of Visitors was read on Thursday and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN: The undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1894-1895:

The following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class* in September, 1894: John Franklin Bair, John Love Barnhart, Theodore P. Bollinger, William H. Brong, Charles A. Bushong, Preston A. DeLong, Thomas Wilson Dickert, Montgomery M. Fryer, William Glass Gerhard, Daniel G. Glass, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Wilson S. Hartzel, Mabry L. Herbein, Theodore C. Hesson, R. Raymond Jones, Clement D. Kressley, E. Douglas Lantz, John A. Lenzinger, R. Franklin Main, James M. Mullan, Albert F. Nace, Curtin L. Oswald, Carl Whitmer Plank, Amos Oliver Reiter, James Rauch Stein, Martin Weidman Schweitzer, and Adolphus Walker—twenty-seven in number. Of these eighteen were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, two of Calvin College, Cleveland, O.; three came from normal schools, of whom two are graduates, and one, Curtin L. Oswald, an ordained minister in the United Evangelical Church, who had received a preliminary training in the Schuylkill Seminary. Mr. Brong was readmitted to the Junior Class, having been prevented from pursuing his studies by ill health during the previous year.

The *Middle Class* consists of the students admitted to the Junior Class one year ago.

The members of the Senior Class were as follows: Amos G. Baker, Frederick William Bald, Harry W. Bright, Harvey J. Crow, William D. Happel, Theodore F. Hermann, Hiram J. Hillegas, John C. Horning, Thomas H. Krick, Lewis P. Krome, Elmer E. Leinbach, William A. Mader, F. J. Emil Muehe, Elmer S. Noll, Henry H. Ranck, Eugene P. Skyles, Howard H. Spohn, George Weber and Harry W. Wissler—nineteen in number. Having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, they were awarded the usual *Testimonials* at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. The whole number of students was 64.

In accordance with the action of the Board at its annual meeting in 1894 the Faculty established a *post-graduate* course of studies, of which several former students took advantage, and a number of others expect to do so in the future. It is still tentative, and may receive such modifications and improvements from year to year as may be deemed advisable. See Catalogue of the Seminary, 1894-1895.

From the average grades of the students, presented by the Faculty, it appears that there were comparatively few whose standing was less than 4.5, denoting perfection. The Seniors were all above 4, one as high as 4.86, and, in the Middle Class, one as high as 4.85. The conduct of the students, as it regards industry, good order and Christian morality, was satisfactory and commendable.

During the year the instruction in elocution, under Miss Morgan, was satisfactory, and the Board recommends to the three Synods to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the amount hitherto

paid to meet the necessary expenses, \$75 being allotted to the Synod of Pittsburgh. In regard to a female instructor, the Board reaffirmed its judgment of the previous year, that it would be preferable to employ a male teacher, if satisfactory arrangements could be made.

The Faculty, having given it as their judgment that the active membership of Theological students in *Glee and Athletic Clubs* has interfered with their studies in the Seminary, the Board referred the matter to a committee, whose report instructing the Faculty not to allow students hereafter to connect themselves with such clubs was unanimously adopted by the Board. According to the report, the Board does not condemn or discountenance the legitimate exercises of the gymnasium, or the healthful athletics of the open field. On the contrary, it recognizes their advantage in the way of physical culture, in the promotion of a sound mind in a sound body. The members of the Board, therefore, approve of the home club and the home team, and are disposed to encourage all judicious exercise among the students themselves. Nor do they wish to restrict the students of the Seminary from participating with undergraduates of the College in the functions of the clubs referred to, in so far as they may be limited in their performance to the home field.

“ But in view of the waste of precious time and of the consequent neglect of the solemn work of preparation for the Gospel ministry, and in view of the sad dissipation of energies which should be consecrated to the upbuilding of that religious character so essential to a successful minister, which necessarily follow from prolonged absence from the Seminary, in the acceptance of challenges from distant clubs, the Board enjoined it upon the Faculty to forbid, without qualification or exception, the students from either accompanying the Glee Club to give concerts abroad, or to join in contests with either baseball or football teams, which may necessitate their absence from the institution. The Board, moreover, wished to place upon record its unqualified disapproval of the practice of betting, and the increasing tendency to magnify financial gains accruing from guarantees and gate receipts, together with other demoralizing influences inseparable from modern inter-collegiate-athletics ; and adjudges them as altogether unbecoming the authorities and students of any Christian institution.”

As a Board we have endeavored to discharge our duty in supervising the internal affairs of our school of the prophets during the year, and it is now our privilege once more to report that the blessing of Almighty God has continued to rest upon it as in times past. The number of candidates for the ministry has been increasing from year to year ; the corps of instructors has been enlarged ; and the new building for the use of the Seminary, with the spacious grounds around, now very much beautified, is all that could be desired, presenting an attractive and interesting appearance. For all this, we as a Church, are called upon to

give thanks to God, who, through his only begotten Son our Lord and Savior, is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

LANCASTER, PA.

II. Report of the Board of Trustees.

Under items 9 and 10 of the Committee on Overtures, on Saturday morning, were read the report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary and a synopsis of the Treasurer's report, together with a request of the President of the Board, which were referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, as follows :

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: During the past year the Board of Trustees held two meetings. The first meeting was held May 9th, 1895, in the Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa. The following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess; Treasurer, John B. Roth. Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., containing a check of one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be expended for the department of New Testament Introduction and Exegesis. The fund was contributed in loving memory of her deceased husband, Henry Wirt, and is to be named "Henry Wirt Alcove."

The Board accepted the gift, and directed the letter and the reply to the same to be entered on the minutes.

At the request of the Faculty of the Seminary, the Board authorized the payment of the following salaries: Librarian, \$120 per annum; assistant Librarian, \$30 per annum, and Custodian of the Reading Room, \$30 per annum, so soon as funds come into his hands for the payment of the running expenses of the Seminary.

The Building Committee Theological Seminary reported that they had entered into negotiations for the purchase of the Wolff property, adjoining the Seminary grounds, for the sum of \$5,500, on which is erected a two-and-a-half-story brick dwelling house, containing ten rooms, a part of which is to be used by the janitor, the Building Committee agreeing to assume the responsibility of collecting the sum of \$2,000—by a canvass of the pastoral charges and asking the Board of Trustees to provide for the balance (\$3,500) in accordance with their best judgment.

The Board approved of the purchase of the Wolff property.

The second meeting was held in the same place, October 8, 1895.

In the absence of the Secretary, J. H. Stein was elected Secretary *pro tem*.

The Treasurer presented his annual report. Enclosed find a synopsis of the report.

President George N. Forney reported favorably progress in looking up the condition of the Kansas investments.

A communication from the Professor of the Theological Seminary having been received, the following action was taken :

WHEREAS, a letter has been presented to our Board from Drs. Gast, Rupp and Bowman, asking that there be granted to the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods the privilege of building homes for their respective professors.

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees commend the request, and ask the three Synods to grant the privilege.

A communication from Dr. J. C. Bowman having been read, the following action was taken :

WHEREAS, Dr. J. C. Bowman has applied to Board of Trustees for the privilege of having a suitable home built on the Seminary grounds for the use of the Potomac Synod's professor.

Resolved, that the Synods be requested to grant the privilege.

The Trustees further recommend : (1) That a building committee be raised, which shall be composed of six members, who shall chose the site (with the approval of the Trustees), secure the design and superintend the construction of the proposed building ; that the Pittsburgh Synod appoint one member of the committee, the Eastern Synod two members, and the Potomac Synod three. (2) That should there be any excess of funds resulting from the canvass for the Seminary Buildings, the same be placed in the hands of the building committee, to be applied to the professor's house.

The following action was taken relative to the Wolff property :

Resolved, That the purchase of the Wolff property be confirmed by the Board, and that the several Synods approve the action of the Board and make provision for the payment of said property.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, October 9, 1895.

III.—Treasurer's Report.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, to October 1, 1895.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1895.

Oct. I. Principal \$94,418.69

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF SEMINARY TO OCT. 1, 1895.

1895.

DR.

Oct. I. For sundry incomes and interest received from October 1, 1894, to October 1, 1895

\$5.40

CR.

	By salary accounts and sundry bills paid to October 1, 1895	6,665.39
	By balance due Treasurer as per account to October 1, 1894	1,127.06
		<u>\$7,792.45</u>
1895.	Amount, Dr. brought down	<u>5,464.33</u>
Oct.	1. Amount balance due Treasurer October 1, 1895	<u>\$2,328.12</u>

1895.

LIBRARY FUND.

	Principal	<u>\$1,819.96</u>
Oct.	1. DR.	
	For balance due fund October 1, 1894	\$49.53
	For interest received to October 1, 1895 . . .	<u>165.99</u>
		\$215.52

1895.

CR.

Oct.	1. By sundry bills paid to date	<u>\$13.30</u>
Oct.	1. Balance due Library Fund	<u>\$202.22</u>

1895.

THE WILLIAM A. WILT FUND.

Oct.	1. Principal	<u>\$833.33</u>
Oct.	1. Interest on same accounted for in current expense account of Seminary	

SMALTZ FUND.

1895.

DR.

Oct.	1. Principal	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Oct.	1. For interest received to October 1, 1895	<u>\$250.00</u>

CR.

	By amount for Charles G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer . .	<u>\$250.00</u>
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PITTSBURGH PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

1894.

Oct.	1. For principal in hands of Treasurer	\$4,223.19
Oct.	19. R. S. Jamison note	10,860.00
Oct.	19. W. Rupp note	800.00
Oct.	19. Clarion Classis note	800.00
Mar.	20. Cash paid by W. R. Barnhart	140.00
		<u>\$16,823.19</u>

1895.

DR.

Oct.	1. For sundry interests received to date	<u>\$717.21</u>
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CR.

Oct.	1. By cash paid W. Rupp, D. D.	<u>\$717.21</u>
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PRIZE ESSAY FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1895.

Oct.	1. Principal	<u>\$2,000.75</u>
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DR.

For balance due October 1, 1894	\$22.00	
For interest received to October 1, 1895	<u>150.00</u>	172.00

CR.

May 9.	By prize paid Theo. F. Hermann	\$100.00	
	By Sundry expenses paid	<u>2.05</u>	102.05
	By balance due fund October 1, 1895		<u>\$69.95</u>

THE JACOB FORNEY FUND.

1895.			
Oct.	1.	For Alcove in Seminary Library	\$1,000.00

DR.

For interest on same to October 1, 1895	<u>\$50.00</u>
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SEMINARY BUILDING FUND.

DR.

Oct.	1.	For balance in hand of Treasurer October 1, 1894	250.59
Oct.	1.	" amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Synod, to October 1, 1895	<u>8,824.03</u>
			<u>\$9,074.62</u>

CR.

Oct.	1.	By sundry order paid to date	<u>9,023.15</u>
		Balance due Fund October 1, 1895	<u>\$51.47</u>

PRIZE FUND IN SACRED RHETORIC.

Oct.	1.	Principal to May 7, 1894	\$160.00
May 9.	9.	Received of W. M. Irvine	<u>79.00</u>
			<u>\$239.00</u>

DR.

1894.			
May 7.	7.	For balance due Fund . . . . .	.66
1895.			
May 7.	7.	For interest received on \$160	8.00
May 9.	9.	" cash paid by W. M. Irvine	7.00
May		" interest to October 1, 1895	<u>4.98</u>
			<u>\$20.64</u>

CR.

1895.			
May 9.	9.	By Prize paid	\$15.00
		" expenses paid	<u>.50</u>
		Balance due Fund October 1, 1895	<u>\$5.14</u>

THE HENRY WIRT FUND.

1895.			
Mar.	29.	For Alcove in Seminary Library	<u>\$1000.00</u>
July	1.	Received of Rev. J. C. Bowman "In Trust for Alcove in Seminary Library	<u>700.00</u>

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CLASS OF 1894.

CR.

		By sundry notes aggregating	<u>\$981.00</u>
		For Alcove in Seminary Library—	
Oct.	1.	Cash paid on same to date	<u>\$46.00</u>

THE JOHN L. RIEGEL FUND.

1895.			
Oct.	1.	By four notes of \$3,920 each	<u>\$15,680.00</u>

Maturing July 20, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898 (without interest.

July 20. Note due paid August 16, 1895 \$3,920

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1894.			
Oct.	5.	For amount paid by Potomac Synod to October, 1894 .	\$75.00
Oct.	6.	" " " " Schuylkill Classis' Elocution .	13.00
1895.			
May	6.	For amount paid by Goshenhoppen Classis' Elocution	9.00
May	9.	" " " " Lehigh Classis' Elocution	14.00
May	9.	" " " " E. Pennsylvania Classis' Elocution	12.00
May	11.	A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, for Elocution	\$40.00
May	11.	Do. for current expenses	100.00
May	11.	Do. First Ch., Greensburg	4.05
May	27.	E. Pennsylvania Classis' current expenses	60.00
May	27.	E. Susquehanna Classis' Elocution	4.10
June	8.	Juniata Classis' current expenses	\$60.00
June	8.	" " Elocution	13.00
May	29.	Tohickon Classis' Elocution	9.00
Sept.	12.	A. J. Heller, Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod, for balance due on apportionment for Elocution for 1894 and 1895	\$110.00
Sept.	12.	Due for current expenses	100.00
			210.00
			\$623.15

Charged to Treasurer in Seminary Current expense account,
October 1, 1895.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, October 1, 1895.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that they find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
EDGAR SLAGEL,
Committee.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Chosen 1894.

EASTERN SYNOD—*For six years*: J. Y. Dietz, Philadelphia Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading Pa. *For four years*: John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; Martin J. Riegel, Easton, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa. *For two years*: George G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa.; Jeremiah Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD—*For six years*: George N. Forney, Fover, Pa.; Edgar Slagel, Hanover, Pa. *For four years*: H. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, *For two years*: Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; S. Nevin H

For six years: Elder W. R. Bai

Board of Visitors Chosen, 1894.

EASTERN SYNOD—*For four years*: Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., Easton, Pa.; Rev. John P. Stein, Reading, Pa.; Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Allentown, Pa. *For two years*: Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD—*For four years*: Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md. *For two years*: Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., York, Pa.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD—*For four years*: Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., Greensburg, Pa. *For two years*: Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., Myersdale, Pa.

IV.—Report of the Endowment Committee.

On Thursday afternoon the following report was read and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

Your committee beg leave to offer the following report:

1. No new subscriptions toward the increase of the Endowment Fund were secured during the year.
2. The sum of \$1216.50 on former pledges was collected since the last meeting of Synod.
3. The whole sum on hand for investment at present is \$27,385.50.
4. As financial prosperity seems to be slowly returning, and the effects of the late panic are being overcome, the committee hopes to be able to complete the canvass of the Synod and to secure the full endowment of Synod's Professorship in the Seminary in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,
AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT, THOMAS S. LAND,
C. R. DIFFENBACHER, S. T. WAGNER.

V.—The Report of the Endowment Collector.

The report was read on Friday afternoon and tabled, and on Saturday morning referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN: In accordance with a resolution passed by your honorable body while in session at Greensburg, Pa., in 1894 (Article 13th, Page 29).

Your committee wrote to the different Classical Treasurers, inquiring what amounts the different charges were in arrears. This was necessary in order that your committee could act intelligently. In other words, it is impossible for any one to collect

any moneys until he knows who the debtors are. Strange as it may seem, your committee experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining the information necessary to go ahead. St. Paul and Allegheny Classes never furnished it at all. Clarion, Westmoreland and Somerset Classes finally furnished the desired information. Then the committee wrote to the pastors whose charges were in arrears, urging them, if at all possible, to collect the outstanding pledges, and thereby save the expense of sending a collector in the field.

But the matter was treated lightly, and a collector in the person of Mr. O. A. Reiter was sent out with instructions to collect in cash, as much as possible; and of persons not having the cash, he should take a note due in thirty, sixty or ninety days, as would best suit the debtor; and the cards of those refusing to do either were to be collected from the pastors, and turned over to your committee. This your committee thought was necessary in order that a final settlement could be made. The collector in some instances experienced some difficulty in obtaining the cards. Some, he could not get at all. This, however, did not discourage him, being possessed of a high sense of right, and knowing that this money ought to be paid in the treasury and that the proceeds belonged to Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D. He pressed forward and did what he could. He canvassed Somerset, Westmoreland and, I believe, a small portion of Allegheny and Clarion Classes.

The Pastors in the district of St. Paul's Classis, which seemed most in arrears, notified the collector, "O. A. Reiter," that *they* could collect what was back; hence he did not visit their charges. Another difficulty your committee met with was in Westmoreland Classis. The pastor, whose people were most in arrears, refused to turn the cards over to your committee, as Synod requested. Notwithstanding the many hindrances thrown in the way, the committee efforts were not altogether in vain, which will be seen by the following statement:

Received in Cash from all sources	\$657.95
" " Notes payable to me	140.00
Total	<u>\$797.95</u>
Paid to Rev. Leader	\$480.00
" W. R. Barnhart	40.00
" Collectors' Expenses, Salary, Books, Postage, etc.	74.00
Cash on hand	63.95
Unpaid Notes on hand	140.00
Total	<u>\$797.95</u>

Your committee feels reasonably certain that if coöperation could have been had, this matter would have been brought to a close ere now. As it is, your committee respectfully asks to be discharged from any further services in this matter. Trusting you

may be able to find a successor to this committee, who will be able to enjoy the confidence of all, and be able to collect, without having in his possession the obligations, even more, be able to collect without knowing who the debtors are, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. TRUXAL, *Committee.*

VI.—Report of the Committee to Pass Upon Securities.

The committee reported on Friday afternoon. The report was adopted and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

The committee appointed to inspect and pass upon the securities held by the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund, before they are passed over to the General Treasurer of the Seminary, Elder John B. Roth, beg leave to report that this duty was attended to. Two meetings were held, one on the 17th of October, 1894; the other on the 22d of June, 1895. Certain securities, with reference to which there was no doubt, were approved. The remainder were endorsed until due by Treasurer Barnhart, and all of them were passed into the hands of Treasurer Roth.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,

C. R. DIFFENBACHER.

VII.—Report of Seminary Endowment Treasurer.

On Friday afternoon the Treasurer reported. The report was adopted and he was continued. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

I do herewith respectfully report to your Reverend Body, that I have passed over to Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Chairman of the Endowment Committee, on the 16th day of October, 1894, the sum of \$12,460, and on the 22d day of June, 1895, the sum of \$9940, making the total sum \$22,400, in notes, bonds mortgages, &c., all of which have been approved by the committee. This sum is all bearing 6 per cent. interest, excepting \$6000, which is bearing $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest. The accrued interest, before handing over to the committee, was paid by me to Treasurer John B. Roth or to Dr. Wm. Rupp.

There is in my hands to be invested \$562.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of October 1895.

W. R. BARNHART, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary reported on Monday afternoon. The report was considered item by item. Items 1 to 6 and 10 to 16 were severally adopted. Item 7 was amended and adopted, amount referred to the Finance Committee.

Items 8 and 9 were also adopted and referred to the Finance Committee. And the report as amended was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Committee on Theological Seminary begs leave to submit the following report:

The following papers were referred to us:

1. Report of the Board of Visitors.
2. Synopsis of the audited report of the Treasurer.
3. Report of the Board of Trustees.
4. Report of the Endowment Committee.
5. Report of the Collector of Endowment Moneys.
6. A letter from J. H. Stein, Secretary *pro tem* of the Board of Trustees, accompanied by a copy of the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 1895.
7. G. N. Forney, President of the Board, supplementing its report by asking this Synod to assume \$200 of the \$1200 needed for current expenses.

We propose the following for adoption:

1. That these papers be printed in our minutes as usual, excepting those of items 6 and 7, these being largely duplicates of some of the other papers.
2. That we rejoice with devout gratitude to God for the prosperity and efficiency of the Seminary.
3. That we approve the proposition to give the Synods the privilege of building dwelling houses for their professors on ground owned by the Seminary.
4. That we approve of the appointment of a Building Committee of six as recommended by the Board to select a site, superintend the erection of a professor's house for the Potomac Synod, and that we hereby appoint Mr. B. Wolf, Jr., as a member of the committee from the Pittsburgh Synod.
5. That the matter of using any surplus fund that may be on hand after the completion of the Seminary Building be left to the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
6. That the purchase of the Wolf property be approved and that the Board of Trustees be authorized to provide for the payment of the same according to their best judgment.
7. That Synod appropriate \$75 for the payment of a teacher in Elocution.
8. That Synod assumes \$100 of current expenses of the Seminary for the present year.
9. That Synod instructs the Treasurer to pay \$100, on Prof. Wm. Rupp, D. D., toward meeting his current expenses.
10. That it is the judgment of this Synod that the professors of the Seminary ought to receive equal salaries.
11. That this judgment be communicated to the other Synods interested in the Seminary.

12. That the resignation of C. W. Truxal as collector of Endowment moneys be reluctantly accepted.

13. That the collector evidently misunderstood the action of Synod last year, which gave pastors a certain amount of discretion in the matter of passing unpaid cards into the hands of the collector.

14. That the matter of completing the collection of unpaid pledges be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Endowment Committee, Rev. D. B. Lady.

15. That the Endowment Committee be continued, with instructions to finish the work of canvassing as soon as possible.

16. That the people of our Synod be respectfully and earnestly urged to pay their pledges in full, without further delay, so that our professor need not suffer from want of adequate support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
H. S. GARNER, C. J. SNYDER,
J. N. BAUMAN. J. M. HAY.

Overture to the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

The following resolution was offered on Monday afternoon and adopted :

Resolved, That we respectfully overture the Eastern and Potomac Synods to appoint a committee of three, to act in conjunction with a similar committee from Pittsburgh Synod, for the purpose of selecting sites for houses for the professors in the Seminary.

The following persons were appointed on the committee : Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., W. R. Barnhart and B. Wolf, Jr.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

1. Report of the Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions.

Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions reported on Thursday afternoon. The report was received and referred to the Committees on Missions and Nominations, and is as follows :

To the Synod of Pittsburgh :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board held two meetings during the year; the first at Greensburg, on October 15, 1895, at which meeting it organized by electing Rev. D. A. Souders, President, and Rev. Robt. Bowling, Secretary; the other meeting was held at Butler, Pa., October 9, 1895.

There was no business of special importance transacted at the first meeting, except the passing of a resolution instructing our Secretary to notify the General Synod Board of Missions of the action of this Synod defining the relation of our Board to General Synod Board with reference to the locating of missionaries within our bounds.

Being simply an Advisory Board, there was little for us to do during the year.

The President of your Board was invited to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of General Synod Board, in Pittsburgh, last February, and met with them at that time.

All the missions within our bounds report prosperity and progress. Duboise was made self-supporting by reconstruction of charge. Apollo looks forward to self-support in the near future. Its pastor says this could be done at once if the debt were removed.

Turtle Creek purchased two lots and will build as soon as the present property can be sold.

Jeannette reports 75 accessions and a reduction in the appropriation of \$175.

New Kensington now has the service of a pastor and reports encouraging prospects. Three lots have been secured and efforts are now being made for the erection of a chapel.

Two missions were vacant at some time during the year, Johnstown and McKeesport. Johnstown was, after some delay, supplied with a pastor approved by your Board, and McKeesport is served by an efficient missionary, appointed without the knowledge of our Board.

We have no information about the Hungarian work. It will be reported by the General Board.

The members of your Board have made inquiry concerning new points for missions within our bounds, from which we learn that Allegheny, Erie and Wall claim attention.

Allegheny still has a large unevangelized population which offers an open field for our endeavors. There are Reformed families there to form the nucleus of a mission. A Sunday-school was conducted for some time under the auspices of Grace Reformed Church, but has again been abandoned.

Erie, a city of more than 40,000, has a large German population, among whom there are some Reformed families from other parts of the Church. A mission in Erie promises good results.

Wall is an important point. The town is growing and surrounding towns furnish material for a mission. There is no German church near Wall, and if a missionary were placed at Wall who can use the English and German language many of the Germans may be gathered in. We learn that a lot at Wall Urba has been offered us.

Your Board feel that much good could be done for our Church, if members of the Board were to visit and canvass new territory, and also visit congregations to encourage the missions, but as no provision is made for the payment of expenses your Board does not feel free to enter upon this work. So far your Board has incurred no expense except \$1.75 expended in the work in connection with Johnstown Mission.

The term of Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., as a member of this Board, expires this year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS, *President.*

II. Report of the Superintendent of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

The Superintendent presented on Thursday morning a copy of the Report which was referred to the Committee on Missions, as follows:

The Annual Report of the General Board of Missions from April, 1894, to April, 1895.

To the English Classes and Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: It has been the custom of the General Board of Missions, heretofore, to prepare its annual report in time for the annual meetings of the Synods. The report was usually dated on September 1st, and made its first appearance at the meetings of the Synods and asked for official notice and action before these bodies. It has been felt, however, that in this way the work of the Board does not come before the people in the general way that its importance merits. Our people should be well acquainted with the needs and work of the Board. The elders of the Church especially should be well informed on the work of the Home Board; and for this reason it was deemed best to issue the annual report on April 1st of each year, and so have it ready for distribution at the annual meetings of the Classes. Accordingly the report has been prepared and appears before you, brethren of the Classes and Synods for your official action. The Board is aware of the fact that the Classes must take action upon that which comes down to them from the Synods; and therefore in this report the Board calls the attention of the Classes to the action of the Synods, and lays before them such information as should be furnished the Church. This report, coming out so early in the year, must of necessity cover some ground that was covered by last year's report, but this will be avoided after the present year.

The past year has been one of prosperity so far as the missions themselves are concerned. For this we should acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church. Financially the year has been a hard one, but no year did the missions make greater progress than during the past one. Some of the missions have a decidedly better outlook now than a year ago, while nearly all have been making commendable progress. To keep the financial credit of the Board on a good basis has taxed the energy of every member, and we are pained to say that at the time of making out this report the Board is financially in a worse

condition than for years. It is true also, that the continual strain to which the Board has been subject during the year cannot long continue without great harm to the work. The Treasurer reports that he is more than a quarter short in his payments, and that time and again he was compelled to advance money in order to pay the salaries of the missionaries. On April 1st we should have at least \$8,000 in the treasury with which to pay the missionaries for the quarter ending March 31st, 1895; but instead, we owe the Treasurer a small sum on the quarter ending December 31st, 1894. It is true that during the ensuing quarter, when all the Classes meet; a large sum of money will be paid into the treasury, but that sum will be required to pay the amount due on April 1st, 1895. That will give us an empty treasury with which to carry on the work during the dull summer months. It is well that the Classes at their ensuing meetings take this matter into serious consideration and determine what shall be done. Brethren, the work is yours, and it is for you to say what progress the work shall make in this country. Notwithstanding these adverse conditions, many appeals have been coming to the Board asking that new work be undertaken. New fields are opening up for the Church to enter. The Master is calling upon us to go into his harvest field. A rich reward awaits us if we but heed the call and provide the means by which the work can be carried forward.

The Apportionments.

Last year the Board asked of the Synods that the sum of \$40,000 be apportioned upon the Classes for missions proper, \$3,000 for the Hungarian work and \$1,000 for the Harbor missions at the port of New York. The Harbor mission apportionment was, however, provided for by the General Synod at Reading, and falls with equal weight upon English and German Synods. The Synods at their meetings last fall assumed these amounts and the Classes at their meetings this spring will be expected to apportion them upon the charges. The Board wishes it to be distinctly understood that at no time was there a request made for any funds over and above the apportionments. The Board, in all its appropriations, remained within the scope of the apportionments, and, indeed, always allowed a large margin for any possible delinquencies. Notwithstanding this careful management on the part of the Board, the Church still failed to pay so much of the apportionments as was needed. The delinquencies amounted to \$10,000 during the past year, being nearly *one-fourth* of the whole sum asked of the Synods. It would be well if the Classes would take into consideration, at their annual meetings, the extremely small average per member required to pay the missionary apportionments. It runs from a little above *eighteen cents* in the Eastern Synod to *fifty-three cents* in the Synod of the Interior. Certainly there should be no difficulty in raising so small an average for a work so important.

Then, the Board wishes the Church to take notice of the fact, also, that for two years the sums asked of the Synods have been just the same. While this work should have been greatly increased, and might have been increased to the great advantage of the Church, yet it was not deemed best to ask for larger sums because of the stringency of the times. The same amount will be asked of the Synods for next year, although the membership of the Church has been increased. The Board now asks the Classes that the most strenuous efforts be put forth to collect the apportionments. The missions were invariably established at the earnest solicitation of the Classes and Synods, with the tacit understanding that the Synods would stand by the Board and furnish the means to carry forward the missions which they requested should be established. The Board has a right to expect that these promises be kept.

The Board would also suggest that, in cases where charges are vacant a committee of Classis be sent into them to assist in gathering the apportionments. This is now done by some Classes with good results.

The Missions.

Never before were our missions more prosperous. Financially they have had a struggle; but when the statistical table at the end of this report is consulted it will be found that the past year has been one of advancement in all departments of the work. Since April, 1894, a number of missions have become self-sustaining, aside from those so marked, but as they were so designated on the statistical table last September they need not be mentioned here. Although money was scarce the Board was still under the necessity of enrolling a few new missions since the annual report of last year.; Youngstown, Ohio; Dauphin Street mission, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tioga mission, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harrisonburg, Va., and the Hungarian mission at South Norwalk, Conn., have been enrolled. The mission at Tyrone, Pa., has been dropped from the roll, so that there are on April 1st, 1895, ninety-five missions on the roll of the Board. There are several of this number that have become self-supporting with April 1st, and quite an additional number receive very small allowances from the Board, and will need its help but a short time longer. Had the means been at hand, the roll might have been greatly increased. Missions would have been founded in places where the prospects are the most encouraging. Indeed, new points have been *pleading* for the establishment of missions.

It will be noticed that we now have, including the German, *one hundred and twenty-six* missions, embracing one hundred and eighty congregations. We find, then, that *one-sixth* of our ministers are missionaries in the home field, and *one-eighth* of our congregations belong to the mission fields.

The Chicago Church.

In last year's report the Board requested the Synods to provide a

sum aggregating \$4,500 or \$5,000 for the erection of a church for the English mission in Chicago. The lot was secured by the Board a year ago, and the erection of a modest church is absolutely necessary to insure the success of the mission. The Synods all took favorable action in the matter. Some invited the agent to come into the congregations and collect the sum to be raised. Some authorized the holding of collections in order to obtain the money, while in one instance the amount is to be apportioned upon the charges in the usual way.

It has since been ascertained that there are grave objections to an agent collecting the money, as some pastors do not wish an agent to come into their fields, while others object on the ground that an agent cannot visit all the charges of a Synod for a sum so small, so that a comparatively small number of the charges must pay the money. It is the sense of the Board that this mission is very important and should have the support of the entire English Church in the erection of its building ; and it is further the sense of the Board that the money should be gotten with as little expense and as quickly as possible.

The Board, therefore, proposes to the Classes and earnestly requests that, since all the Synods took favorable action, the Classes, at their annual meetings this spring, assume such an amount as would fall to each upon the basis of the amount assumed by the Synods, and that they designate the amount each pastor is to raise, and request the pastors to raise the amounts by collection, and pay them to the Treasurers of the Classes, who shall forward them to the Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D., 1219 West Monroe street, Chicago, Ills. Dr. Kendig will receipt for all money, and these receipts can then be forwarded by the Treasurers of the Classes to the Synodical Treasurers, so that proper credit can be given the Synods. The object is to get the money as quickly as possible. There is urgent need that this church be built. The mission has a bright future before it if the Church will help to put it upon a firm basis by the erection of this building.

The Board hopes that the Classes will take the proposed action and so carry out the spirit of the action taken by the Synods.

The Harbor Mission.

Of this kind of work our Church has but one station, namely, that at the port of New York. Rev. Paul Somerlatte is in charge of the work, and indeed he has sole control of it. The entire amount to be furnished for this work by the entire Church is just \$1,000 annually. Whatever additional is furnished by the Church is a purely voluntary matter. It would seem that \$1,000 for eight Synods to furnish annually is a sum so small that it would be furnished promptly and freely. The truth compels us to say, however, that in nineteen months the entire Church paid only \$840 to this cause, compelling the Board to use funds that were intended for the regular missionary work to pay the Harbor Mis-

sionary. The Board cannot here point out the amounts that the different Synods owe this fund, but all are more or less delinquent. The Board calls the attention of the Classes and Synods to the condition of the treasury as regards this mission, with the belief that these bodies need only know how the matter stands in order to furnish the means to carry it forward. Hereafter the Board will use only such funds as are specified for this work, to carry it on. If the Church fails to pay what is promised, that will be taken as sufficient evidence that our people are not interested in the Harbor Mission and do not wish to support it. The Synods should not apportion such a small sum upon the Classes, but should combine it with their contingent expenses and out of these pay it annually for the whole Synod. When it comes in the form of an apportionment upon the charges it is a sum so small that it is entirely overlooked, or becomes mixed up with larger sums for other purposes and is never paid to the object for which it was intended. Something of this kind must have occurred, as the sum asked for and promised by the Synods has not been paid over. For instance, the entire income for this purpose from April, 1894, to April, 1895, was only \$564.03. The Board cannot too strongly urge upon the Classes and Synods to see that the small sums needed for this work are promptly paid.

The Hungarian Work.

Perhaps no department of the work has moved forward with greater evidences of prosperity than that of the Hungarian. From its very inception it has been a success. What has been done should encourage the Church to still greater efforts among these Reformed people who come to our shores.

A little over a year ago Rev. Ferenczi took charge at Pittsburgh. There never seemed to be much business tact among the Hungarians at that place until he took charge. Since then matters have been placed upon a better basis, and the outlook is decidedly more cheering than ever before. At the last quarterly meeting of the Executive committee, pastor Ferenczi, with his elder, appeared before the Committee and paid \$150 on their church debt, with the assurance that a like sum should be paid quarterly, if possible, until the whole is paid. This is the kind of work that tells on the spirit and habits of the people.

Rev. Kovacs a year ago went to Assinaboia, Canada, to do missionary work among his Hungarian brethren. During the year past, according to his reports, he has been doing such work as he deemed necessary in that new country. The members are somewhat scattered and live in two communities adjacent to each other. He finds the work somewhat difficult. Last summer the people suffered by the drouth, while during the past winter their souls were tried by the rigors of a far northern winter. Still he seems hopeful of success. He now has seventy families of his people with him, and has the promise of others who intend to make

their home in this colony. Let us hope that he will make a success of the project.

Last October Rev. Harsanyi came to this country in answer to the call of the Board and took charge of the work in Cleveland, O., Rev. Jurany resigning his position as pastor. Rev. Harsanyi came as a licentiate and was ordained by and enrolled as a member of Erie Classis. He at once entered upon the work with zeal and has been busily engaged since. His reports are cheering in their character and he seems to delight in the work assigned him. He was entirely unacquainted with the English language when he arrived in this country, but is rapidly acquiring it. In November last the new Hungarian church on East Madison Avenue, Cleveland, was dedicated. This church is a very comfortable building, of fair size, costing, including the lot, about \$3,300. The church is a substantial structure. The congregation in Cleveland is doing well; and when the debt of \$1,000 now resting on the building is lifted, self-support will not be far distant. Connected with Cleveland are congregations at Fairport, Toledo and Ashtabula served by Bro. Harsanyi.

For several years our Hungarian ministers have been visiting points in the East. A number of important fields have been at different times pointed out to the Board for work among the Hungarians. Both men and means have been wanting. One new field has been organized within the last six months, namely, South Norwalk and Bridgeport, Conn. There has been a congregation organized in each of these towns, and Gabriel Dokus, a Hungarian, who was lately ordained to the gospel ministry, has been called to and commissioned for the field with an appropriation of \$200. The prospects for the field are said to be very good.

We should have an increased amount for this work next year, but under the present financial strain the Board does not deem it best to ask for more than last year. The Synods are therefore requested to assume the following sums for this work at their annual meeting this year.

Eastern Synod	\$1,000
Potomac "	500
Pittsburgh Synod	450
Ohio Synod	400
Northwestern Synod	250
Central Synod	200
German Synod of the East	140
Synod of the Interior	90

The Board calls attention to the fact that the entire income for Hungarian missions from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895, was \$1,675.44, instead of the \$3,000 promised.

As the Hungarian work is of general interest throughout the

Church, we also ask the German Synods for their contributions to this good work.

The Extension Work.

This department of the work increases in importance with every additional year. It is rapidly growing as the mission work is extended. It is one side of the general missionary work, but one of very great importance. It may be very lightly regarded by many in the Church and utterly neglected by others, but it still remains true that no denomination can be on the highway to success that fails to lay deep and strong its foundations in the liberal extension fund. The policy that the most progressive denominations of this country have been pursuing is proof of the fact. Our Church has never put the stress upon it that its importance demands. It can now be plainly seen that the want of such a fund is crippling our operations at every step. The Board is glad to state that some progress has been made during the year. We here give the report of Treasurer Boush.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FROM APRIL 1, 1894, TO APRIL 1, 1895.

Dr.	
Contributions from all sources	\$4,727.24
Bequests and legacies	1,250.00
From loans, authorized	3,000.00
From interest	188.00
Money paid back by missions	300.00
Total	\$9,465.24
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Interest on borrowed money	\$378.00
On church property at Chicago, Ill.	4,677.70
On church property at St. Joseph, Mo.	2,501.75
On church property at Massillon, Ohio	1,000.05
On church property at Lima, Ohio	1,655.00
On church property at Denver, Col.	183.25
On church property at New Kensington, Pa.	2.00
On church property at Grove City, Pa.	500.00
Total	\$10,897.75
Due the Treasurer	\$1,432.51
There are deferred payments as follows:	
On Chicago church property	\$4,387.50
On Denver church property	2,500.00
	\$6,887.50

BORROWED MONEY.

From B. Wolf, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.	\$1,750.00
From Bi-Synodic Board to purchase mortgage on Kansas City property	2,200.00
From Jacob S. Fouse, James Creek, Pa.,	1,000.00
From Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer Ministerial Relief Fund	1,500.00
Stuckslager & Auracher, bankers, Lisbon, Ia.	1,000.00
From Mrs. D. B. Lady	500.00
	\$7,950.00
Deferred payments	\$6,887.50
Borrowed money,	7,950.00
	\$14,837.50

It will be noticed that some of the items in this report were included in the report sent out last September; but, as this report is to cover a full year, all transactions between April 1, 1894, and April 1, 1895, are included. It is a plain, unvarnished statement of the case. The work had to be carried forward, whether the funds were on hand or not. Some of our city missions required help or had to be abandoned. The same conditions always exist if we establish missions in the cities. If we are content with doing work only in the rural districts, then we can get along with less means.

The contributions from all sources were \$4,727.24. These, it might be stated, were the free-will offerings of the Church for this object.

The legacies were the offerings of a few who remembered this good cause in the final disposition of their property, and are a monument to their name and memory.

It will be noticed that some of the missions are already beginning to pay back small sums. In the years to come the Board will have a large annual income from this source with which to help other new interests.

Aside from this, the Board had to have additional funds, and so \$3,000 had to be borrowed. It was only under the most urgent need that this was done.

Including the deferred payments and the amount borrowed, the liabilities of the Board, for this department of the work, are \$14,837.50. This is getting to be a formidable sum indeed. But the Board could not see its way out except by borrowing the money. We feel confident, however, that the money is well invested and no similar amount will bear better interest for the Church.

A number of our missions are asking for loans of \$500 and \$1,000 in order to strengthen them. The Board would gladly help the missions in this way, but to do so is an utter impossibility, as the funds are lacking. It is true also that so far the Board has given aid only in the way of purchasing the lots and holding them as the property of the Board, to be used by the missions, upon which to erect chapels and churches.

The Board is very much in need of additional funds for this work, and the Church should do more for the extension cause; and yet, as the times are hard, it has been decided to ask the same as last year, namely, an average of *six cents per member*. The Board, therefore, most earnestly requests the Synods, at their annual meetings this year, to apportion upon the Classes this small sum for this important work.

It is but fair to acknowledge the help of the women of the Church in this work. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod has about finished its fund of \$500.

The special fund of \$500 to be known as the *Tiffin Classis Extension Fund* has also been completed.

The Finances.

The finances of the Board are an important item at any time, but especially at the present. Not a little discussion has been going on as regards the finances of the Home Board, the apportionments, the shrinkages, the best plans to raise money, and so on to the end of the chapter. Men differ widely. What seems proper for one portion of the Church may not quite suit another. A few points must always be kept in mind when the finances are discussed.

1. That the missions were enrolled upon the recommendations of the subordinate Boards.

2. That the Synods pledged the amounts necessary to sustain these missions.

3. That the Board in enrolling these missions made allowance for any reasonable shrinkage that might occur because of the stringency of the times. In spite of this conservative policy on the part of the Board, there has been more of a shrinkage than was expected.

The amount voted last year by the Synods for missions, including Hungarian and Harbor, was \$44,000. The amount actually paid in from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895, was \$35,460, leaving a shortage of \$8,540 for the year. But Treasurer Reber informs us that the shortage of 1893 was even greater than that of 1894, making for the two years fully \$17,000. On April 1, 1895, we are short fully \$9,000. We are compelled to raise the money for the quarter ending March 31, 1895, whereas the money should be on hand now, to pay all the missionaries as soon as their orders are issued. The \$35,460 received during the year does not represent the amount collected by the Synods on the apportionments, but includes all the additional funds sent in to the Treasurer, all donations, the women's contributions, and the extra money collected by the Superintendents. That we are short nearly \$10,000 is to be deplored. That the sum is no greater should be a matter of hearty thanksgiving, when we consider the stringency of the times. Though the times are hard, yet the missionaries must have their small appropriations, and the Board must depend on the Church to furnish the money. The Board therefore asks the Classes that in their annual meetings this spring they take such action as will insure the prompt payment of the amounts apportioned upon them by the Synods.

The Estimates for Next Year.

It is very evident to the Board that during the next year no marked forward steps can be taken in the home work. The Board is very anxious, however, that no backward steps should be taken. The work as now constituted should be maintained, and, perhaps, a few additional points taken up. The reductions at the annual meeting must at least equal any amount assumed for new work. At this rate there will be needed for the next

year about the same amount that was required for the present year. The Board, therefore, asks of the Synods the following sums, to be apportioned upon the Classes at their annual meetings this fall :

Eastern Synod	\$17,000
Potomac "	9,000
Ohio "	8,000
Pittsburgh "	4,500
Interior "	1,500
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	\$40,000

The entire apportionments will then be.

Missions	\$40,000
Hungarian Missions	3,000
Harbor Mission	1,000
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	\$44,000

with six cents per member for Church extension. This is an average of about *thirty-one cents* per member for the English Synods, including all the departments of the home work. This is a sum so small, for a work so important, that no one can possibly urge a valid objection against it. We have our doubts whether there is another denomination in the land that does so much work with so little money. The Board feels that a less sum than that asked for would cripple the work so seriously as to do great injury to the cause, and hopes that the Synods and Classes will very willingly vote the sum in aid of this work.

The German Missions.

It was suggested by not a few, in past years, that it would be well as a source of information, if in the annual report there were given a list of the German missions. This year we endeavored to comply with the request by procuring a list, with name of mission, where located, membership, the amount paid by the mission and the amount paid by the German Board. This list is a proof that the German brethren are pushing the spread of the Church as rapidly as men and means permit. They, like the English, are limited in the means necessary to carry on the work on a scale commensurate with its importance. It will be seen, by the list, that nearly all their missions are in the cities and larger towns. There is much new territory that should be taken up by the Germans as well as the English. Let us hope that the day is not far distant when in both languages the mission work will be very largely increased.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Members.	Amount the Board pays.	Salary paid by Missions.
West Bay Club, Mich.	Nath Ruetenik,	60	125	275
Port Hope, Mich.	H. Hesse,	100	125	117
Elk Rapids, Mich.	J. Matzinger,	100	125	250
Detroit, Mich.	A. Schneck,	89	500	200
Marion, Mich.	G. M. Hirsch,	72	275	150
Wausau, Wis.	F. C. Schnuelle,	110	225	96
South Kaukauna, Wis.	F. F. Aigner,	95	250	120
Calumet, Mich.	J. Kæppeli,		100	
Haughville, Ind.	F. Kalbfleisch,	48	300	100
Springdale and Brightwood, Ind.	S. C. Barth.	80	225	130
Princeton and Evansville, Ind.	Wm. Dieckman,	65	200	300
Stanford, Ky.	J. Matter,	52	150	130
Nashville, Tenn.	J. Von Grueningen,	102	400	200
St. Paul, Minn.	J. O. Vitz,	125	250	250
Lincoln, Neb.	A. Kanne,	121	600	82
Melbourne, Iowa.	S. Elliker,	49	150	250
St. Louis, Mo.	W. F. Horstmeyer,	206	450	75
Chicago, Ill.	J. Traeger,	62	300	
Marion, Ohio.	F. C. Witthoff,	186	250	245
Toledo, Ohio.	J. Wernly,	126	500	200
Helvetia, W. Va.	D. F. Schroth,	205	100	200
Millersburg, Ohio.	Wm. Grether,	161	150	250
Norwood, Ohio.	C. Schaaf, D. D.,	74	500	360
Martha Memorial, N. Y.	Paul H. Schnatz,	290	600	300
St. Luke, Phila.	M. T. Dumstrey,	230	660	340
Clarence, N. Y.	Antona Darms,	150	400	90
St. John's Phila.	J. Vegelin,	130	200	250
Jerusalem, N. Y.	Wm. Bollman,	200	250	360
St. Mathews, Phila.	U. O. Silvius,	113	200	500
Friedens, Baltimore.	N. Wiemer,	130	225	450
Holyoke, Mass.	A. Bruellos.	150		425

Miscellaneous Items.

The Sunday-school Board contemplates the appointment of a Sunday-school Missionary, whose duty it shall be to enter the towns and cities where Sunday-school work is needed, and organize Sunday-schools, and, ultimately, congregations. The Board deems such an office a very important one, and it is believed that such a missionary can do a good work in building up the Church in destitute places. But the operations of the Sunday-school Board along missionary lines and the work of the General Board must not conflict. Therefore, at the last quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee a committee was appointed to meet a similar committee from the Sunday-school Board, and these committees of conference are to formulate a plan by which the two boards can coöperate in a way mutually helpful to each other. The plan will be submitted to the General Board for approval at the annual meeting at Columbus, Ohio.

It has long been felt by the Board that the German missions on the Pacific Coast should be under the German Board, as the German work can be best carried forward by Germans. Accordingly, several years ago overtures were made to the German Board of the West to transfer those missions to its care. The matter was brought before said Board in regular form by the General Board, and that Board brought the matter before the Northwestern and Central Synods for final decision at their meetings last year. Their action was adverse to their reception. So the missions still continue under the General Board for the present.

The Board has been earnestly solicited to take charge of a Bohemian interest in Milwaukee, Wis., and organize a congregation among the people of that nationality in that city. The plea is made that these Bohemian brethren are of Reformed stock and should be cared for by our Church. The matter came before the Executive Committee at its last meeting, and was by it referred to the full Board meeting April 23, 1895.

The matter of forming German-English missions has claimed the attention of the Board at different times. Most urgent appeals have come to it from points in the German Classes, but as only the English Synods have placed their mission work under the care of the General Board, the Board has hesitated to establish such missions and have them form a part of German Classes. This whole matter must soon be adjusted in some way, either by the General Synod, or by some other competent authority.

The Conclusion.

The past year has been a difficult one for mission work from the fact that the Board has continually been cramped for want of funds. Under these circumstances the Board hesitated to take up new work that presented itself to the extent that it should have done. At no time have our opportunities been greater and the outlook more favorable. As a Church we should give thanks for the measure of prosperity that has attained our missionary efforts. The Master's blessings have been upon us. But have we as a Church been as faithful as we should have been? Have we honored the Lord with our substance as we should have done? Let us call upon Him to bless the coming year, even more signally than the past year. Let us expect great things of the Lord, but let us meet our responsibility that He can do great things for us.

D. S. FOUSE,
Missionary Superintendent.

III. Communication from the Secretary of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

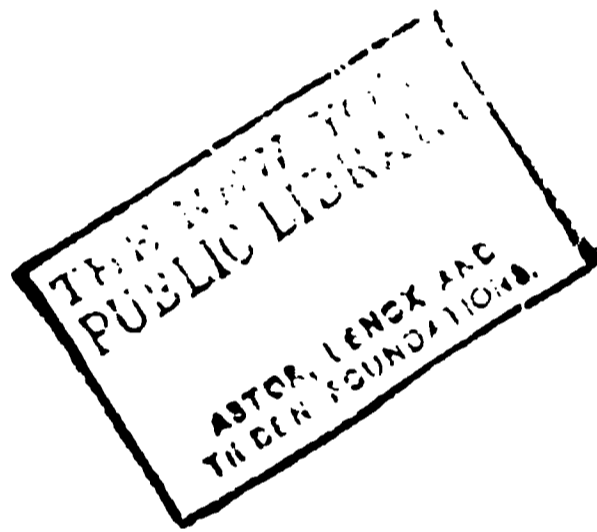
Under item 5 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, the report of the Board was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

GENERAL SYNOD'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Statistical Table—April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895.

Missions.	Missionaries.	In What Synod.	Members		Baptisms.	Additions			Leaves			Contributed for Congregational Purposes.			Contributed for Benevolent Purposes.			Sunday Schools			Church Buildings.			Amount of Insurance on Church Buildings			How Much can the Mission Pay the Coming Year?			How Much did Board Pay Last Year?		
			Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Adults.	Infants.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	By Reprofitation.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissals.	Rescues.	Total.	For Pastors' Salary.	For Other Purposes.	Total.	By Sunday School.	By Missionary Society.	By Congregation.	Total.	Number of.	Value.	Indebtedness.	Number of.	Value.	Amount of Insurance on Church Buildings	How Much can the Mission Pay the Coming Year?	How Much did Board Pay Last Year?	How Much can the Mission Pay the Coming Year?	How Much did Board Pay Last Year?	
Ada, Ohio.	J. W. Veale.	Ohio.	145	88	3	18	11	10	2	23	1	1	2	2	\$125	\$100	\$225	\$5	\$85	\$17	\$10	\$21	2	\$4000.	\$550	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500		
Akron, Ohio.	Freeman Ware	"	237	110	3	2	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	2	800	2320	3525	17	17	130	144	50	10	15000.	5000	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400		
Athens, Mich.	J. H. Hile	"	55	5	3	2	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	2	106	96	242	8	10	16	29	19	8	2000	80	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		
Barberton, Ohio.	W. R. Stearley	"	150	70	1	1	2	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	409	436	836	19	22	95	136	59	30	6900	625	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400		
Cleveland, Ohio, Hung.	A. Harsanyi	"	234	30	2	11	7	18	3	28	1	1	1	1	700	1746	2446	61	27	239	377	55	25	18000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000		
Cleveland, Ohio.	S. W. Seeman	"	288	14	14	12	2	1	1	56	7	7	7	7	150	1850	2010	14	27	239	377	55	25	10000	1000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		
Columbus, Ohio.	S. W. Seeman	"	237	75	1	7	23	20	12	24	1	1	1	1	975	4020	4395	25	100	125	230	80	20	2000	400	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		
Fl. Wayne, Ind.	A. K. Zartman	"	242	60	5	4	9	8	7	40	2	2	2	2	900	704	7900	50	25	40	115	65	30	8000	4500	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000		
Greenville, Ohio.	W. E. Ludwig	"	190	40	1	3	10	7	23	6	1	1	1	1	455	105	620	10	25	96	130	40	25	18000.	6000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000		
Hamilton, Ohio.	S. E. Neikirk	"	142	45	9	3	10	7	23	6	1	1	1	1	275	1200	1475	6	10	25	40	16	27	10000	1000	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500		
Lima, Ohio.	Dan. Burghalter	"	60	48	1	1	5	6	1	4	3	2	2	2	160	90	250	4	10	25	46	45	24	2800	1000	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500		
Massillon, Mich.	W. H. Shultz.	"	87	40	10	4	26	6	10	2	2	2	2	2	48	1180	1198	21	21	22	43	30	10	4000	1760	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000		
Notaway, Pa.	J. J. Excell	"	50	20	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	300	405	705	7	7	25	30	10	20	2000	300	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		
Notaway, Pa.	Fr. M. Swenson	"	50	20	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	300	405	705	7	7	25	30	10	20	2000	300	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		
Notaway, Pa.	L. D. Steckel	"	50	20	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	300	405	705	7	7	25	30	10	20	2000	300	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		
Notaway, Pa.	Paul Sommerlatte.	"	50	20	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	300	405	705	7	7	25	30	10	20	2000	300	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		
Notaway, Pa.	Paul Sommerlatte.	"	50	20	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	300	405	705	7	7	25	30	10	20	2000	300	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		

Those in Italics become self-supporting. * Last year's report.
 Typing was cropped from the rolls.



the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

EVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions would very respectfully beg leave to lay before your reverend body a general statement of the fortunes, the present situation, and the outlook of our work in the Empire of Japan. We rejoice in being able to say that we come to you bearing good tidings. Since last it was our privilege to address you, great changes have transpired in Japan, affecting not only its national and political interests, but also its relation to the work of Christian Missions within its bounds. At the outbreak and during the earlier stages of the recent war with China, grave apprehensions were entertained as to the effect it might have upon the diffusion of Christianity, but aside from a spirit of indifference to its solemn claims, caused doubtless, in large part, by the universal absorption of interest in the war and which we are yet to learn still prevails, the effects have proved rather advantageous than damaging. The simultaneous happy solution of the vexed question of the treaty revision has gone far to allay the anti-foreign feeling which had erected restraining barriers, while the practical demonstration against the allegations of the extreme religionists, that Christianity was not inimical to patriotism, has caused a change of attitude towards it on the part of the military and ruling classes to that of toleration and even favor. The widespread distribution of the sacred scriptures; the special facilities for preaching the gospel to the soldiery, accorded by the government in authority, and the underlying spirit of Christian charity manifested in the offices of the Red Cross Association, all combined, have, by the blessing of God, lodged deep in the hearts of the people, a holy principle, which silently, like leaven, is working a transformation which in large part, seems yet to be clearly understood by its subjects. Even though a spirit of indifference is still discernable, yet in strange contrast, the attendance upon the preaching of the gospel is increasing.

The regular work of our Mission has gone forward during the year without interruption. The only evil effect, we are informed of, is a slight decline in the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin, some of them having entered the army. In the Girls' School there was a slight increase in the number of scholars. At the last commencement six young men graduated from the Theological Department and are now going forth as evangelists; five graduated from the Collegiate Department, some, if not all, of whom will enter the Theological Department. Five graduated from the Girls' School.

The death of Mr. Kaneko is felt to be a great loss to our Tohoku Gakuin, as he was expected to take the chair of Old Testament Theology. Hence the speedy going out, this fall, of Mr. Christian Noss is felt to be the more urgent.

It is the feeling of the Board that, with the reinforcement by the going out of Mr. Noss, the teaching force in our institutions will be sufficient for the present. The most urgent need of our Mission at this time is additional buildings. The Girls' School is full to overflowing. More scholars could be gathered in had we room for their accommodation. The present teaching force is sufficient for a larger number of scholars. In case of the Tohoku Gakuin, our present building is entirely too small. It has to serve for Seminary, College and Preparatory Department. We are short at present for recitation rooms and dormitory facilities, some of the dormitory rooms being used for recitation purposes. The Board has felt the urgent need of enlarged quarters, but in view of other necessities for which it felt constrained to ask enlarged contributions from the Church, it hesitated for the time being to press a new and large request. It was, therefore, with pleasure that it heard of the inauguration, by the Classis of Philadelphia, of the enterprise, with the aid of the other Classis of the Church, of the erection of the Kaneko Memorial building. We bespeak for this enterprise the favorable consideration of those of our brethren whom God has blessed with means, for its realization will go far to relieve our embarrassment and enable a larger efficiency in our work.

We are happy in being able to say that the W. M. S. G. S. has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. For this very efficient coöperation in our blessed work by the women of our Church the Board is profoundly thankful.

As to the finances of the Board, it is happy to tender to the Church its hearty thanks for the favorable response made to its enlarged requests. The oppressive part of our indebtedness *is paid*, for which we humbly thank God, and provision has meanwhile been made for all our current expenses. True, the full amount of the apportionment has not been paid, but it has called out many contributions which else, most likely, would not have been made. The deficiency in this particular was compensated for by the self-denial effort, which effort, however, was but a partial success this last year, in consequence of a simultaneous special effort in the interest of another branch of our Church work.

Of the presence in this country, on furlough, of our beloved Missionary, Rev. W. E. Hoy, it is hardly needful that we speak. He is laboriously visiting our churches in furtherance of the cause to which he has consecrated his life. He is expected to be with you at your present meeting, and we heartily commend him to your most favorable consideration as an untiring, devoted and most faithful missionary of Jesus Christ. He will speak to you for himself.

In conclusion the Board would most earnestly request your reverend body to repeat the apportionment indicated by General Synod, and as experience has proved the efficiency and necessity of the self-denial effort, to appoint the coming Lenten season as a special

time for earnest prayer and self-denial for the help and advancement of our blessed work of Foreign Missions.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 26, 1895.

Report of the Standing Committee on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported on Saturday afternoon and the report was considered by items. The items were all adopted. Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were referred to the Finance Committee. Item 7 was amended and adopted. The report as amended was adopted as a whole and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Standing Committee on Missions begs leave to report : A number of papers had been referred to us, viz. : The annual report of the Board of Missions of Pittsburgh Synod. The annual report of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions. A general statement of the Foreign Mission Board. These papers are submitted for publication.

We learn with pleasure of the general prosperous condition of both the Home and Foreign Mission work of our Church. Success and progress has characterized the experience of the year. In this Synod one Mission has become self-supporting and one new Mission has had the service of a regular pastor for the first time this year. New and promising points might be taken up within our bounds, did the contributions of our congregations warrant such a course. The foreign work is also enlarging. Additional buildings for the accommodation of our schools at Sendai are needed. And it is necessary to do something in this direction before long, unless we wish to see our work in Japan greatly hindered.

The Home Mission Board asks the Church for the sum of \$44,000 for the work of the ensuing year, and in addition for an apportionment of six cents per member for the special work of Church Extension.

In view of the above state of things, we offer the following for action :

Resolved, 1. That we commend the sacred work of Missions at home and abroad anew to the earnest prayers and self-denying liberality of our congregations and people. We should never be unmindful of the fact that the last word of Christ to his Church was a command to preach the gospel to every creature and make disciples of all nations. It is in doing His will that we come to know of His doctrine, whether it be of God or man.

Resolved, 2, That \$4,500 be assumed and apportioned to the Classes of Synod for the general work of Home Missions.

Resolved, 3, That \$450 be assumed and apportioned for Hungarian work.

Resolved, 4, That \$100 be assumed and apportioned for Harbor Missions.

Resolved, 5, That a sum equal to 6 cents per member be apportioned upon the Classes for Church Extension.

Resolved, 6, That, as last year, the sum of \$2,600 be apportioned as a tentative assessment for Foreign Missions for the ensuing year.

Resolved, 7, That we recommend the whole, or part of the Lenten season as a suitable time for self-denial offerings for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

J. J. ZIMMERMAN,

GEORGE E. LEMBERT,

W. H. H. BAKER.

Resolution Regarding the Chicago Mission.

On Monday the following resolution was received and adopted :

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to present the interests of the Chicago Mission to their congregations, and that congregations which have not yet contributed make an offering for the cause.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I. Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa.

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home reported on Thursday afternoon, as follows, and the report was referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning, viz :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your institution at Butler for the care and maintenance of homeless orphans has received the attention of your Board and the blessing of God during the year.

The average number of children under our care for the year ending June 1, 1895, was ninety, of which forty-four were dependent upon the charities of the Church and the earnings at the Home.

Your Board has continued the policy of receiving a number of children as boarders, charging for their keeping such amounts as friends or parents are able or willing to pay. Should the objection be made that the Home in this loses, in a measure, its character as a charitable institution, we answer that it has thereby been able to *extend* its purposes. Our buildings afford room for a larger number of inmates than the charities of the Church would support, and in this way by occupying their surplus room an income is received which materially aids in the support of quite a number of needy orphans whom we could otherwise not receive. Equal care and privileges are granted to all and no discrimination shown.

Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh continues as Superintendent of the Home, under whose direction the Christian, intellectual and physical training of the children has had due attention. In chapel and church they are trained to know, love and confess Christ; during ten months of the year their intellectual powers are developed and guided in the schoolroom under competent teachers, and the large and beautiful grounds surrounding the Home buildings afford opportunity for needed physical exercise. Such health was enjoyed by the children that but one case required the attention of a physician during the year.

The Board takes pleasure to invite the Synod during its sessions to visit and inspect the buildings and grounds, as well as the children who are inmates of the Home.

As the financial condition of the institution is of great interest to the Synod we hereby incorporate the Treasurer's report, as follows:

B. WOLF, JR., in account with St. Paul's Orphan Home.

DR.			
To cash, balance in last statement . . . . .			.48
" 12 months' interest. July 13, 1894, on . . .	\$1,000,	\$ 60.	
" " " " Feb. 22, 1895, " . . .	450,	27.	
" " " " " " " " . . .	5,000,	300.	387.00
" cash, estate Louis Shriner			632.05
" Orphan Friend			70.00
" Boarders			4,594.96
" Schools and Congregations			2,623.95
" Contributions of 24 friends of the Home. . .			103.98
			<u>\$8,412.42</u>
Cr.			
By interest paid on loan			\$706.00
" discount draft Louis Schreiner Estate . . . . .			.60
" insurance 3 years			225.00
" loan to G. Troutman on collateral			632.05
" P. C. Prugh, Superintendent			6,848.11
Cash balance on hand . . . . .			.66
			<u>\$8,412.42</u>

General financial condition of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Cr.	
Invested funds—C. H. Wolff Fund	\$5,000.00
" " Henry Wirt Fund	1,000.00
" " Louis Schreiner Fund	1,082.05
	<u>\$7,082.05</u>

Real estate, 30 acres land adjoining the town of Butler, Pa.

Dr.	
Notes due B. Wolff, Jr.	\$9,900.00
Insurance on buildings.	13,400.00
" " contents.	1,600.00
The insurance is paid to Oct. 20th, 1897.	

Inasmuch as the receipts of the Home during the year were not quite equal to our necessary expenses, leaving a deficit of over \$100, we earnestly urge the churches, the Sunday-schools and friends of the Home to the necessity of increasing their contributions that there may be balance, instead of a deficiency, in our Treasury at the end of the present year. A small deficiency reported annually will accumulate a burdensome indebtedness in a few years.

The term of the following Directors expire with this Synod :
Revs. R. C. Bowling, C. R. Ferner, S. S. Miller ; and Elder R. S. Jamison.

Commending the Home to your prayers and liberality, this report is

Respectfully submitted

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President of the Board.

OCTOBER 10, 1895.

II. Report of the Trustees of Literary Institutions.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions reported on Saturday morning, and the report was referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning, as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

DEAR BRETHREN : The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions have care of but one school. This is the Clarion Collegiate Institute. What has been done here during the year, and the present status, prospectus and needs of this institution will perhaps be brought before the Synod best by submitting the report of its Trustees, which is accordingly presented and is as follows :

DEAR BRETHREN : Clarion Collegiate Institute has been open and in operation during the past year.

Its success, under the management of Prof. S. M. Kerr, was equal to, if not greater, than we had reason to expect under the circumstances. While Prof. Kerr, like his predecessors, felt discouraged by the evident lack of interest and coöperation on the part of the Synod, yet his reasons for resigning were mainly of a personal nature, and therefore not to be interpreted as showing lack of confidence in the school.

The Board, anticipating difficulty in securing a successor, reluctantly accepted Prof. Kerr's resignation. From the names suggested the Board finally elected a Principal, who at first accepted, but later on declined.

As the time for opening the fall term was at hand the Board almost despaired of opening the school before the holidays. Fortunately, however, an election was held, which resulted in the choice of Prof. W. L. Smith, of Middletown, Md., recently graduated from Franklin and Marshall College.

Prof. Smith arranged to open the Institute September 16th. After a week's trial it became evident that the attendance would not warrant continuance. It was then deemed best to devote the time from now on until after the holidays in preparing a catalogue and in canvassing all territory within reach, all looking forward to opening the school at the beginning of the year 1896.

It will be observed that the present failure is believed to be due mainly to lack of time for properly advertising the opening of the school.

And now, in view of the fact that the success of this school depends upon the encouragement it receives from its friends, we come to this Synod for such encouragement. We ask for no more than we are entitled to when we ask our Synod to take such action now as will insure us that you regard Clarion Collegiate Institute as an object of your care, support and prayers, just as you regard other objects to which you are no more closely allied, if as much, as Clarion Collegiate Institute.

R. C. BOWLING, *President.*

This brings before Synod all the facts in the case and shows that a great revival of interest is needed to bring a return of success to the work at Rimersburg.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,	H. D. DARBAKER,
J. F. WIAINT,	A. M. SCHMIDT.

III.—A Communication From the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

Under item 8 of the Committee of Overtures was presented and read a communication from the President of Franklin and Marshall College, which was referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning and is as follows :

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN : In behalf of Franklin and Marshall College the following report of its present condition and its operations during the past year is respectfully presented:

The graduating class consisted of twenty-seven young gentlemen, all of whom received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At the same time the degree of Master of Arts in course was conferred upon twelve graduates of the College. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Revs. John W. Love, of Kansas City, Mo.; F. R. Schwedes, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Ellis H. Kremer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; James T. Satchell, of Lancaster, Pa., and Masayoshi Oshikawa, of Sendai, Japan. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon the Hon. John W. Simonton, of Harrisburg, Pa.

The enrollment of students during the past year was very large, numbering 171 in the College alone, distributed as follows : Grad-

uate students, two ; Seniors, twenty-eight ; Juniors, thirty-six ; Sophomores, forty-three ; Freshmen, fifty-seven ; special students, five. The number in actual attendance at any one time was 154 : Two graduate students, twenty-seven Seniors, twenty-eight Juniors, thirty-six Sophomores, fifty-seven Freshmen and four special students. At the opening of the present year a large number of new students applied for admission, and of these there were entered upon the roll one Junior, eleven Sophomores and forty-one Freshmen. The number in actual attendance at the present time is 156, a slight increase over the number of last year.

It is gratifying to report that in every respect the work of the College was carried forward with the most satisfactory results. The rapid increase of the number of the students entailed a great deal of additional labor upon the professors and instructors, but it is believed that the instruction has been thorough and the work done successful and meritorious. The exceptionally large number of students in the Sophomore Class at the beginning of the present year necessitated the dividing of this class into sections, thus doubling, and in some cases trebling, the number of hours of instruction. To meet the growing wants of the College in this respect it was felt that additional teachers were necessary, and accordingly provision was made by the Board of Trustees for the employment of two more professors. The services of Profs. C. Nevin Heller and John M. Grove have been secured and they have entered upon the discharge of their duties ; the former as assistant professor of Ancient Languages, and the latter as assistant professor of Natural Science. It is believed that with the help thus afforded the instruction given in the different departments will be more thorough and effective during the coming year than ever before.

The grounds and buildings have been materially improved within the past few years. The trees on the campus had grown to such an extent as to shut out the light and kill the grass in front of the College building. It was found necessary to remove some of these trees in order to let in the light, and there is now a beautiful growth of grass. The trees themselves are improved in their appearance, and the campus is one of the most beautiful and attractive spots in the eastern part of the State. Electric light has been introduced into the Chapel and Gymnasium, and the steam heating apparatus introduced some time ago gives very good satisfaction, so that the students and professors enjoy a much greater degree of comfort than formerly.

The finances of the College have been successfully administered, but owing to the increased expenditure for professors' salaries and the improvements in the buildings, the outlay of money has exceeded the income by about \$2,500. The endowment fund at the present time, striking off all obligations of doubtful value, and not including the Wilhelm estate, is \$169,000. It is evident that to meet the present demands upon our financial resources, and to

provide adequately for the wants of the future, a large increase of the endowment of the College is imperatively necessary. For this reason the Board of Trustees have adopted a plan for the better endowment of the College, involving the organization and maintenance of a Savings and Loan Association. The preliminary arrangements are very nearly completed, and it is hoped that in a short time those entrusted with its management will be ready to begin operations. As a send-off in this movement the members of the Board of Trustees and a few friends among themselves at the last commencement raised a little more than \$25,000, and made this amount immediately available for the use of the College.

It will thus be seen that the College of which you have joint control with the two other Synods, your own child calls for assistance for the twofold reason that the educational demands of the present day and the increased number of students alike require a larger Faculty and a better equipment in order that our system of education, of which we are justly proud, may be maintained in spirit and improved in method and completeness, so as to equal in all respects the best in the land. The very prosperity of the College calls for earnest effort in its behalf; the improvement in business now so plainly manifest shows that the opportunity is ripe; the generous interest manifest in gifts already secured or in prospect inspires hope and confidence in ultimate success, and your warm affection for the College in the past leads to the firm belief that you will enter, in due time, with ready zeal into the work of caring for the institution with whose past history you have been so closely connected and upon whose prosperity the welfare of the Church so largely depends.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President.*

Report of the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning to whom the foregoing reports had been referred reported during the session of Monday, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

Your committee on Institutions of Learning would respectively report. The following papers were referred to the Committee:

1. The Report of the Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.
2. The Statement of the President of Franklin and Marshall College and the Annual Register of the same.
3. The Report of the Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute.

From these documents we learn :

1. That St. Paul's Orphan Home continues to do its blessed work to the satisfaction of the Board and the Church; that the

number of children in the Home has increased, and also the contributions of the Church, and that the high standing of the school has been maintained.

2. The statement of the President of F. and M. College furnishes the gratifying information that the Institution is steadily advancing to meet the requirements of the time to furnish our boys and young men with the facilities for an education second to none in the land ; that the number of students is larger than in any other year of the history of the College, requiring the election of additional professors and necessitating the planning for larger endowment and better College equipment.

3. The report of the Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute shows that notwithstanding the disappointment incident to the resignation of the successful Principal of last year, the friends of the institution are moving forward hopefully and have elected to the Principalship Prof. W. S. Smith, a recent graduate of Franklin and Marshall College.

In view of the above statements, your committee recommends the following action:

Resolved 1, That the Synod heartily commends St. Paul's Orphan's Home to the liberal support of the Church, and requests that in view of the growing needs of the Home, larger offerings be given by the congregations and Sunday-schools, especially at the Christmas season.

Resolved 2, That rejoicing in the prosperous condition of Franklin and Marshall College, we earnestly commend this institution of the Synod to the confidence and patronage of our congregations. And heartily endorsing the movement to largely increase the endowment, we recommend the appointment of a committee of five—one from each Classis—to coöperate with the management of the College in furthering this work.

Resolved 3, That we sympathize with Clarion Classis in its effort to maintain an academy and that a committee be appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees and to report at next annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRUGH,

H. KING,

JOSEPH SMITH,

U. O. H. KERSCHNER,

DAVID WALTHOUR.

Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., D. A. Souders, J. F. Wiant, A. M. Keifer and A. M. Schmidt were appointed the committee to co-operate with the management of Franklin and Marshall College in largely increasing its endowment.

Revs. A. J. Heller, D. D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., and Prof. E. Mackey were appointed the committee to confer with the Board of Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The Board of Beneficiary Education reported on Friday morning, which was received and referred to the Committees on Finance and Nominations. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

The important work of the Board of Beneficiary Education, committed to us received due care and attention during the Synodical year just closed.

The number of Students under our care has been less than for many years ; but six have received aid from your Board. Of these Eugene P. Skyles completed the full course and has entered the work of the ministry within the bounds of this Synod. Four remain in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and one in Franklin and Marshall College. One C. H. Lefever abandoned his purpose of preparing for the ministry. His bond has been placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, for the purpose of collecting funds advanced him.

At a meeting held October 10, 1895, Henry H. Wiant was received under our care with an appropriation to take effect as soon as the requirements concerning classical recommendations are complied with.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance in the Treasury at last Statement	\$6 00
Received of Treasurer of Synod during the year	846.00
Total received	<u>\$852.00</u>
Amount expended	<u>\$847.00</u>
Balance on hand	\$5.00

The term of Rev. D. N. Dittmar expires with this meeting of Synod.

To continue this work for the present year we ask an appropriation of \$1,200.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President of the Board.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education reported during the session of Monday forenoon. The report was received and adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Standing Committee on Education would respectfully report that there were placed in their hands, first, a catalogue of

Allentown College for Women ; second, a catalogue of the Woman's College of Frederick ; and, third, a financial statement of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

From the catalogues presented it appears that both the institutions referred to are in a flourishing condition, and that the important interest of female education is receiving more attention in the Church.

On this subject we recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the prosperity of the Female Colleges located at Allentown, Pa., and at Frederick, Md., and that we recommend both of these institutions to the liberal patronage of all our people, and especially of those who have daughters to be educated.

The financial statement of Wichita University furnishes an account of the present condition of that institution, with whose sad history the members of Synod are already familiar. On this subject your committee does not deem it expedient to advise any further action than that we hereby express our sympathy with our brethren in Kansas in view of their disappointment in their educational work, and our hope that, notwithstanding their present failure in educational work, the interests of the Church in their midst may suffer no serious detriment.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RUPP,

A. M. KEIFER, JACOB MOSER,
S. H. DIETZEL, JOSEPH SMITH.

ARTICLE XVII.

1. Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

On Thursday afternoon, under the report of the Committee on Overtures, Item 1, the report of the Publication Board was read and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States. 1895.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods :

DEAR BRETHREN : The Board of Publication is gratified to report that with each succeeding year evidences multiply of increasing interest and approval in the existing method of conducting the affairs of your publication interests. It is also gratifying to note that many of those who at first conscientiously opposed now join heartily with those who advocated the departure made in 1887 in commending the present plan and the foresight which prompted it.

The publications themselves are favorably criticised, as practi-

cally evidenced in the increasing number of patrons and subscribers, especially to the *Messenger*, your chief organ. This particular publication is held in high esteem and justly takes rank among the leading religious journals of the day.

The business side of the present plan of conducting your publications is so obvious as to preclude further comment.

These features would suggest, therefore, that an interest so well established in favor and prosecuted under conditions so advantageous to the Church should be carefully conserved and its future usefulness and growth not impaired by ill-advised changes or divided support. Believing this, the Board bespeaks for this interest your continued favor and support.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in Philadelphia on the 4th day of September, 1895, at which the committee for that purpose reported that the books of the lessee had been examined and the receipts for the year found to be \$37,433.80, an increase of \$2,317.41 over the previous year. This amount being below the limit fixed as the basis for the guarantee, the Treasurer was paid the \$1,200 bonus as provided in the lease.

At this meeting the Treasurer reported total funds in hand of \$10,721.81, of which \$996.00 were in cash and \$9,725.00 in investments yielding from five to six per cent. interest.

The attention of the respective Synods is called to the expiration on January 1st, 1896, of the term of S. Hoeflich, of Potomac Synod, and B. Wolff, Jr., of Pittsburgh Synod.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

Attest :

EDW. J. DRUBAN, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, October 1st, 1895.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

This committee reported on Monday afternoon, and the report was considered by items, and the items severally adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Committee on Publication respectfully submits the following report. The documents referred to this committee are: "The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States," and a copy of the *Woman's Journal*.

From the report of the Publication Board we gather the following cheering facts:

I. That each succeeding year evidences the great pecuniary benefit coming to the board from the contract which now exists between it and the publication house in Philadelphia.

II. That the subscriptions to the *Messenger* are steadily increasing, and is meeting with increased favor as the chief organ of the Church.

III. That during the contract year just ended the receipts of

the publication house were \$2,317 in excess of the income of the previous year.

IV. That according to the contract the Treasurer of the Board received \$1,200 bonus provided for in the lease, and that the Treasurer now holds the sum of \$10,721.81 as the result of the contract. Most of this money is invested and yields an interest of 5 and 6 per cent.

All of which evidences prosperity and affords ground for mutual gratulation.

Your committee recommends the following action :

I. *Resolved*, That Synod renew her request to pastors and people for a more generous patronage for their own publication house in Philadelphia, bearing in mind that mutual obligations are made through the existing contract.

II. *Resolved*, That the various publications of the Board, viz : *The Reformed Church Messenger*, the *Quarterly Review*, the *Missionary Guardian* and the several Sunday-school periodicals be commended to pastors and people as worthy of their fullest patronage.

III. *Resolved*, That Synod appoint a committee of one or more to confer with the other committees of Eastern and Potomac Synods (if such committees are created) in order that some definite plan may be presented to the several Synods interested for the management of the publication interests—after the expiration of the present lease. This recommendation is made in order that the future influence and growth of the Publication Board of the Church “will not be impaired by ill-advised changes or divided support.”

IV. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod the advertisements on the fourth page of the *Sunday-school Quarterly* and *The Heidelberg Teacher* are distracting, hence unsuitable for such publications and therefore

Resolved, That the publishers of our Sunday-school literature be requested to discontinue using the afore-mentioned page for miscellaneous advertisements.

V. *Resolved*, That the *Woman's Journal*, the official organ of the Women's Missionary Society of General Synod, be commended to the patronage and favor of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,
H. D. DARBAKER, JOHN BIESECKER,
LEWIS S. LAMPE, W. W. CLINE.

Revs. Thos. Land and A. M. Schmidt were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with similar committees, provided they are appointed, of the Eastern and Potomac Synods regarding the lease of the publication house.

Publication of Minutes.

On Monday afternoon the Stated Clerk was instructed to pub-

lish 2,000 copies of the proceedings of this meeting and distribute them in the usual manner.

ARTICLE XVIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported on Saturday morning. The report was adopted and the committee was instructed to have ballots printed for the use of Synod, and the time for the election was set immediately after preparatory service on Saturday afternoon. In addition to presenting a double set of candidates for all vacancies, the report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

Your committee beg leave to report that it has endeavored, in accordance with its instructions, to ascertain what vacancies, if any, have occurred on the Boards of Trustees and Visitors to the Theological Seminary. We find that at the Synod at Greenville, in 1893, the following named brethren were elected on the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary without designating how long the term of each member should be respectively, viz : Elders W. R. Barnhart, P. Keil and C. W. Truxal. The following members of the Board of Visitors were elected in the same indefinite manner : Revs. A. J. Heller, D. D., and A. E. Truxal, D. D. In the Catalogue of the Theological Seminary we find that W. R. Barnhart is designated as chosen on the Board for *two years* ; P. Kiel for *four years* ; and C. W. Truxal for *six years* ; and that Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., was chosen on the Board of Visitors for *two years*, and Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., for *four years*. To avoid confusion we feel that the terms of service as designated in the Catalogue should be adopted by this Synod, and accordingly note the fact that the term of W. R. Barnhart as a member of the Board of Trustees expires at this time, and the term of Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., as a member of the Board of Visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. LAND,
C. W. SUMMEY, W. G. KING.
A. S. GLESSNER, H. W. NICHOLAS.

At the appointed time the President appointed Revs. E. S. Hassler, J. N. Bauman, S. C. Long, and Elder S. B. Fisher, tellers, and the election was held and resulted as follows :

Trustee of Synod, Elder W. G. King ; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. R. C. Bowling, A. M. Schmidt, C. W. Summey, and Elder J. H. Twitmyer, M. D. ; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., and J. F. Snyder ; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker ; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D. ; *Sunday-school Board*, Rev. J. N. Naly ; *Publication Board*, B. Wolff, Jr. ; *Board of Trustees of*

Theological Seminary, Elder W. R. Barnhart ; *Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.

Election of Treasurer.

On Monday afternoon Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., was elected Treasurer at a salary \$50 for the year.

The Boards as now constituted :

Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Elder W. G. King ; *for four years*, Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D. ; *for three years*, Elder C. M. Hartzel ; *for two years*, Elder R. S. Jamison ; *for one year*, Elder J. D. Meese.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, Revs. R. C. Bowling, A. M. Schmid, C. W. Summey and Elder J. H. Twitmyer, M. D. ; *for three years*, Rev. S. T. Wagner, B. Wolff, Jr., Prof. E. Mackey and Elder J. M. Conroy ; *For two years*, Revs. T. S. Land, H. S. Garner, C. Gumbert, and Elder A. O. Eberhart ; *for one year*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., John McConnell, Elders J. T. Hamilton and P. Keil.

Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., and J. F. Snyder ; *for two years*, Revs. D. N. Dittmar and R. F. Gass ; *for one year*, Revs. J. F. Wiant and H. D. Darbaker.

Board of Beneficiary Education.

For five years, Rev. H. D. Darbaker ; *for four years*, Rev. William Rupp, D. D. ; *for three years*, Rev. J. F. Snyder ; *for two years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D. ; *for one year*, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D.

Board of Home Missions.

For five years, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D. ; *for four years*, Rev. D. A. Souders ; *for three years*, Rev. A. M. Keifer ; *for two years*, Rev. R. C. Bowling ; *for one year*, Elder J. M. Conroy.

Sunday-school Board.

For five years, Rev. J. N. Naly ; *for four years*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell ; *for three years*, Rev. D. N. Harnish ; *for two years*, Elder C. W. Truxall ; *for one year*, Rev. A. M. Keifer.

Publication Board.

For four years, B. Wolff, Jr. ; *for two years*, Elder C. M. Bousch.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

1. Treasurer's Report.

On Thursday afternoon the Treasurer of Synod presented his

annual report, which was read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

A. J. HELLER in account with PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

DR.

To amount received from former Treasurer, October 29, 1894, and reported to Pittsburgh Synod, October 13, 1894, one thousand seven hundred and four dollars and fifty-six cents \$1,704.56

To be disbursed for the following objects:

Wichita University Fund	\$50.00
Calvin College	75.14
Hungarian Missions	50.80
Theological Seminary	4.05
Franklin and Marshall College	128.25
Church Extension	18.43
Home Missions	53.42
Beneficiary Education	2.20
Salary of Sunday-school Superintendent	2.66
Foreign Missions	115.00
Ministerial Relief	52.66
Apportionment Fund	1,151.95
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	\$1,704.56

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1894.	Nov.	17.	Received of Rev. C. R. Ferner, Treasurer...					\$144.15
	Dec.	19.	"	"	"	"	"	70.59
1895.	Jan.	7.	"	"	"	"	"	126.23
	Jan.	28.	"	"	"	"	"	303.60
	March	8.	"	"	"	"	"	89.42
	April	5.	"	"	"	"	"	77.28
	April	23.	"	"	"	"	"	280.22
	May	18.	"	"	"	"	"	194.14
	June	10.	"	"	"	"	"	396.38
	July	3.	"	"	"	"	"	30.00
	July	10.	"	"	"	"	"	123.45
	July	26.	"	"	"	"	"	86.76
	Aug.	27.	"	"	"	"	"	206.85
	Sept.	16.	"	"	"	"	"	94.82
	Oct.	5.	"	"	"	"	"	165.76
								<u>\$2,389.65</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1894.									
Nov.	7.	Received of Rev. C. R. Ferner, Treasurer .							\$19.84
Dec.	19.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	35.00
1895.									
March	8.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	10.00
April	5.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	34.98
May	18.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	58.50
June	10.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	22.50
July	3.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	43.78
July	26.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	44.00
Oct.	5.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	8.55

Ministerial Relief	\$31.25
Calvin College	5.56
Chicago Mission	5.00
Apportionment	\$2,375.00
Received on the same	2,389.65
Overpaid	\$14.65
Apportionment for Foreign Missions . . .	\$800.00
Received on the same	277.15
Deficit	\$522.58

CLARION CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1894.							
Oct.	15.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treasurer .				\$5.00	
Dec.	18.	" " " " " "				150.00	
1895.							
Feb.	6.	" " " " " "				200.00	
April	29.	" " " " " "				300.00	
May	22.	" " " " " "				350.00	
Aug.	15.	" " " " " "				100.00	
Sept.	16.	" " " " " "				200.00	
Oct.	3.	" " " " " "				100.00	
							\$1,405.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Feb.	6.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treasurer .	\$10.55	
May	22.	" " " " " "	169.25	
Feb.	6.	" per receipt of J. L. Lemberger . .	46.00	
				\$225.80
		Chicago Mission		21.59
		Apportionment	\$1,840.00	
		Received on the same	1,405.00	
		Deficit	\$435.00	
		Apportionment for Foreign Missions . . .		\$500.00
		Received on the same		225.80
		Deficit		\$274.20

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1895.							
Jan.	21.	Received of C. M. Boush, Treasurer	\$115.63				
April	29.	" " " " " "	200.00				
May	15.	" " " " " "	100.00				
June	10.	" " " " " "	250.00				
July	13.	" " " " " "	108.50				
Aug.	29.	" " " " " "	118.49				
							\$892.62
		Apportionment	\$1,452.00				
		Received on the same	892.62				
		Deficit	\$559.38				
		Apportionment for Foreign Missions . . .					\$400.00
		Deficit					400.00

SOMERSET CLASSIS—ON APPORTIONMENT.

1894.							
Nov.	17.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treasurer .	\$200.00				

21.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treasurer .	\$100.00	
18.	" " " " " "	125.00	
31.	" " " " " "	150.00	
30.	" " " " " "	64.00	
24.	" " " " " "	308.50	
29.	" " " " " "	250.00	
18.	" " " " " "	200.00	
18.	" " " " " "	200.00	
18.	" per receipt of Miss Poorbaugh, Hung. Missions	5.00	\$1,602.50

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

31.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treasurer .	\$15.00	
30.	" " " " " "	64.75	
24.	" " " " " "	11.50	
29.	" " " " " "	10.01	
26.	" " " " " "	11.10	
18.	" " " " " "	15.36	
31.	" per receipts	57.71	
26.	" " " " " "	46.07	
18.	" " " " " "	8.00	
			\$239.50
	Wichita University		36.00
	Support of Rev. H. K. Miller		10.00
	Apportionment	\$1,760.00	
	Received on the same	1,602.50	
	Deficit	\$157.50	
	Apportionment for Foreign Missions		\$500.00
	Received on the same		239.50
			\$260.50

ALLEGHENY CLASSES—ON APPORTIONMENT.

31.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer . . .	\$225.00	
11.	" " " " " "	30.50	
2.	" " " " " "	7.30	
6.	" " " " " "	63.50	
10.	" " " " " "	568.80	
10.	" " " " " "	19.11	
10.	" " " " " "	5.00	
27.	" " " " " "	20.00	
16.	" " " " " "	7.50	
1.	" " " " " "	16.30	
			\$963.01

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

31.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer . . .	\$25.00	
11.	" " " " " "	10.50	
2.	" " " " " "	13.75	
1.	" " " " " "	34.55	
22.	" per receipts	62.00	
10.	" " " " " "	75.00	
1.	" " " " " "	82.00	
			\$302.80

Salary of Rev. S. S. Snyder, Japan		\$15.00
Sunday-school Board		7.80
Wichita University		50.00
Chicago Mission		52.75
Apportionment	\$1,100.00	
Received on the same	963.01	
Deficit	\$136.99	
Apportionment for Foreign Missions		\$400.00
Recieved on the same		302.80
Deficit		\$97.20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Contingent Expenses.

1894.			
Oct.	15.	Paid Rev. D. H. Leader for ballots	\$1.00
Nov.	9.	Paid Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, janitor's service	10.00
1895.			
Jan.	21.	Paid Rev. A. J. Heller, expenses to Cleveland, Ohio	5.60
Feb.	15.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, arranging for last annual meeting	2.18
Feb.	15.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, freight and drayage on archives of Synod	55
Feb.	15.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, expressage on 500 copies of printed minutes	1.65
Feb.	15.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, postage and wrappers, printed minutes	20.91
Feb.	15.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, freight and drayage on printed minutes	4.35
Feb.	15.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, salary as Stated Clerk	75.00
March	19.	Paid Refd. Ch. Publication House for printing minutes	152.43
May	11.	Paid Rev. A. J. Heller, expenses to Lancaster, Pa., Board of Visitors	20.50
July	27.	Paid J. P. Saylor, renewal of Poschman Judgment	2.25
Aug.	25.	Paid, for postage and stationery	2.50
Oct.	4.	Paid Rev. A. J. Heller, for ballots of last year	1.75
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			\$300.67
Sept.	9.	Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer, remainder due on apportionment of General Synod	223.15
March	7.	Paid Jacob Byers, Esq., on note	\$50.00
July	3.	" " " " " "	30.00
Sept.	6.	" " " " " "	6.00
Oct.	1.	" " " " " "	50.00
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			\$136.00
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, LANCASTER, PA.			
May	11.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, Centennial offering	\$4.05
May	11.	Paid J. B. Roth, Seminary Aid Fund	\$100.00
Sept.	10.	" " " " " "	100.00
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			\$200.00
May	11.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for teacher of elocution	\$40.00

t	10.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for teacher of elocution	\$110.00	
				\$150.00
t	9.	Paid Rev. J. F. Winter, Treasurer, Calvin College		\$80.70
.	26.	Paid J. W. Bausman, Treasurer, F. and M. College		128.25
i.	25.	Paid Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer S. S. Board	\$2.66	
il	1.	Paid Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer S. S. Board	7.80	
				\$10.

TO MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

t	21.	Paid Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer	\$63.69	
.	I.	" " " " "	20.22	
ch	11.	" " " " "	3.00	
ch	18.	" " " " appropriations to Revs. Shoemaker and McConnell	150.00	
e	16.	Paid Rev. S. S. Miller, appropriations to Revs. Shoemaker and McConnell	50.00	
.	29.	Paid Rev. S. S. Miller, appropriations to Revs. Shoemaker and McConnell	125.00	
				\$411.91

TO BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

t	9.	Paid Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer	\$50.00	
.	7.	" " " " "	300.00	
.	18.	" " " " "	50.00	
ch	21.	" " " " "	200.00	
il	26.	" " " " "	129.84	
il	30.	" " " " "	116.16	
				\$846.00

TO CHURCH EXTENSION.

i.	1.	Paid C. M. Boush, Treasurer	275.00	
il	30.	" " " " "	170.65	
e	14.	" " " " "	284.00	
.	2.	" " " " "	115.00	
t	17.	" " " " "	132.35	
				\$977.00

TO HOME MISSIONS.

94.	6.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer	\$1,000.00	
95.	7.	" " " " "	210.00	
	31.	" " " " "	115.63	
	1.	" " " " "	350.00	
il	1.	" " " " "	100.00	
il	25.	" " " " "	277.07	
.	11.	" " " " "	306.00	
e	3.	" " " " "	800.00	
e	14.	" " " " "	500.00	
e	14.	" " " " "	250.00	
.	3.	" " " " "	108.50	
.	17.	" " " " "	482.80	

\$4,500.00

1895.	
Jan.	7. Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer \$134.00
April	25. " " " " " " 71.26
June	14. " " " " " " 131.00
Sept.	17. " " " " " " 108.74
June	10. " per receipt of Miss Limberg, Treas.... 5.00
Jept.	18. " " " " " " Poorbaugh, Treas. 5.00
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\$455.00	

April	25.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer	\$5.00	
Sept.	17.	" " " " "	74.34	
			<hr/>	\$79.34

April	1.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer	\$60.00
April	25.	" " " " "	8.42
June	14.	" " " " "	43.00
Sept.	17.	" " " " "	38.58
			<hr/> \$150.00

1894.	Nov.	26.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....					\$134.84	
1895.	Jan.	7.	"	"	"	"	"	25.00	
	Jan.	31.	"	"	"	"	"	53.81	
	Feb.	1.	"	"	"	"	"	40.00	
	March	11.	"	"	"	"	"	20.55	
	April	2.	"	"	"	"	"	89.00	
	May	11.	"	"	"	"	"	46.48	
	June	10.	"	"	"	"	"	201.76	
	July	3.	"	"	"	"	"	43.78	
	Sept.	3.	"	"	"	"	"	55.10	
	Oct.	1.	"	"	"	"	"	49.91	
	Oct.	5.	"	"	"	"	"	8.55	
			"	per receipt of Miss Poorbaugh, Treas.					3.90
			"	"	"	"	J. L. Lemberger,	46.00	
			"	"	"	"	Miss Limberg,	62.00	
			"	"	"	"	"	75.00	
			"	"	"	"	" Poorbaugh,	46.07	
			"	"	"	"	"	8.00	
			"	"	"	"	" Limberg,	17.00	
			"	"	"	"	Mrs. A. K. Kline,	65.00	
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								\$1,091.75	
Jan.	7.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treas., for Rev. J. K. Miller							\$10.00
June	10.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treas.							10.00
March	11.	"	"	"	"	"	for Rev. S. S. Snyder	10.00	
		Paid per receipt of J. H. Bomberger, Rev. S. S. Snyder							5.00
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								\$35.00	
Total receipts,								\$10,237.54	
Total disbursements								9,779.28	
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Cash on hand belonging to the General Fund								\$458.26	

The Synod is still indebted to Jacob Byers on Wichita loan, \$360.82,
The following Classes are still in arrears on the Wichita fund :

Somerset Classis'	\$139.00
Allegheny Classis	375.00
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	\$514.00

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. HELLER, *Treasurer.*

II.—Report of Ex-Treasurer C. M. Boush, on Moneys tied up in the Dick Bank.

Ex-Treasurer C. M. Boush reported on Friday morning that he had received no money during the present year, but hoped to receive some by Spring. Elder Boush was continued and the instructions reaffirmed.

Report of the Finance Committee.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report on Monday afternoon which was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report: Your committee audited the Treasurer's report and found it correct, with a balance of \$485.26 in the hands of the Treasurer.

We find that two classes are still in arrears on the Wichita Fund as follows :

Somerset Classis	\$139.00
Allegheny Classis	375.00

Of this amount \$360.82 is still due Jacob Byers, on which Synod pays interest.

We find the several classis in arrears as follows :

Clarion Classis	\$435.00
Somerset Classis	157.50
St. Paul's Classis	559.38
Allegheny Classis	136.90

We find the several Classis on Tentative Apportionment in arrears as follows :

St. Paul's Classis	\$400.00
Allegheny Classis	97.20
Westmoreland Classis	522.85
Clarion Classis	274.20
Somerset Classis	260.50

The following items have been referred to the Committee for Apportionment on the several Classes :

Beneficiary Education	\$1,200.00
Home Missions	4,500.00

Hungarian Mission	\$450.00
Harbor "	100.00
Church Extension	975.00
Society for the Relief of Ministers	325.00
Teacher in Elocution	75.00
Contingent Fund for Theological Seminary	100.00
" " Dr. Rupp, Seminary	100.00
" Expenses of Synod	375.00
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	\$8,200.00

To meet the amounts thus assumed, we recommend the following apportionments :

Westmoreland Classis	\$2,315.00
Clarion "	1,795.00
Somerset "	1,715.00
St. Paul's "	1,360.00
Allegheny "	1,015.00
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	\$8,200.00

We were instructed to make a Tentative apportionment of \$2,600 for Foreign Missions :

Westmoreland Classis	\$800.00
Clarion "	500.00
Somerset "	500.00
St. Paul's "	400.00
Allegheny "	400.00
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	\$2,600.00

We again recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Classis indebted to Wichita Fund be urgently requested to pay their arrearages at the earliest possible day.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. FERNER,

A. K. KLINE, C. RUTZE,
H. W. BRIGHT, L. T. KING.

ARTICLE XX.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at last meeting, and called up by Item 1, of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, reported on Saturday morning. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology would present the following report :

During the past Synodical year it has pleased our Great Head of the Church to remove from our number the Rev. James Grant. Having finished his work on earth he has entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Rev. James Grant was born at Margate, Kent county, England, August 12, 1832. He was reared in the Methodist Church. At the age of about 20 years he came to the United States and located in Pittsburgh, Pa. There he labored at his trade, cabinetmaking. The earliest record of his ministry is a certificate bearing the date of October 11, 1858, as a member of the Allegheny Conference, United Brethren Church. He also held a certificate of membership of the Methodist Church, Pittsburgh Conference, dated September 8, 1868.

At the first meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, February, 1870, Brother Grant made application to be received as a member of that body. He presented credentials from the United Brethren Church, was duly received and for a number of years labored in different charges within the bounds of Somerset and Clarion Classes, Pittsburgh Synod.

During the latter years of his life he was without a charge. Permission having been granted to him by Westmoreland Classis to engage in secular work in whose bounds he then resided. Bro. Grant fell asleep in Jesus at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Cook, near Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 12th day of February 1895. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the German Cemetery, near the same city. Bro. Grant's wife, who was a patient, though a great sufferer for many years, soon followed him to the spirit world. She was released from her sufferings July 25, 1895. During the last year of her life Mrs. Grant was a consistent member of St. Mark's Memorial Reformed Church, East End, Pittsburgh.

With heartfelt thanks to the Great Head of the Church for his tender care and for the faith of His servants fallen asleep.

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,
H. DIECKMANN, J. POORBAUGH,
C. GUMBERT, H. SARVER.

ARTICLE XXI.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of the Sunday-school Board.

The report of Pittsburgh Synod's Sunday-school Board was presented during Saturday morning's session. The report was received and referred to the Committees on Nominations and Sunday schools, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your Sunday-school Board submits the following report of its work for the year 1894-95 :

Two meetings of the Board were held during the year. The first, in the Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, October, 1894.

1895, when the Board was organized by the election of A. M. Keifer, President; D. N. Harnish, Secretary, and C. M. Hartzel, Treasurer. The second, in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Butler, October 9th, 1895, when reports were received from the several members of the Board present.

First, we would express our gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the progress this important branch of church work has made during the past synodical year. Conventions were held in four of the classes, better statistics were collected than in former years, and "Children's Day" was generally observed. We express the hope that another year will bring greater advancement in the Sunday-school work throughout our Synod.

Second, according to the judgment of this Board this progress of which we speak ought to be:—

1. *In the direction of gathering statistics concerning the Sunday-schools of our Synod.* If this Board and that of the General Synod are to do effective work it is of the utmost importance to secure full information concerning our schools. In this way alone can we learn their needs. We would therefore request that the action of last year's Synod with reference to Sunday-school statistics be carried out by all the Classes.

2. *In the direction of increasing the membership of our Sunday-schools.* If the Sunday-school is a good institution in the church then a larger proportion of both the baptized and confirmed members ought to avail themselves of its blessings and privileges. To bring about this desirable result each Classis ought to make special efforts to increase the membership of our Sunday-schools.

3. *In the direction of increasing the efficiency of our Classical Conventions.* To bring this about the several Classical associations ought to work in harmony with the General Synod's Sunday-school Board.

4. *In the direction of the Sunday-school Missionary Work.* This work of the General Board calls for our earnest and prayerful consideration:

The term of Rev. J. N. Naly, the member of the Board from Clarion Classis, expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER, *President of the Board.*

By order of the Board.

Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools reported on Monday afternoon and the report was considered by items. The items were severally adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted. It is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN: There were placed in the hands of your committee reports of General Synod's Sunday-school Board, and the Board of Pittsburgh Synod.

From a careful review of these reports we conclude that this department of our church work is deserving of much more encouragement than it has received up to this time. Both boards referred to urge the importance of correct and full statistics as a necessary means for the success of the Sunday-school work.

Item 1. Your committee recommends that the statistical blank adopted last year be commended to our Classes and congregations, and that all be urged to use the same.

Item 2. Realizing the fact that the membership of our schools does not compare favorably with the membership of congregations we recommend that special effort in the lines suggested by our boards be put forth for the increase of our Sunday-school membership.

Item 3. We recommend that Sunday school conventions be held in all our Classes.

Item 4. We recommend that greater efforts be made in the direction of enlarging our Sunday-school mission work.

Item 5. We recommended for the use of our Sunday-schools as a help in the primary department a little pamphlet, entitled, "Books of the Bible" (Pease).

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. BOWLING,
J. J. WAGONER, B. F. STEMM,
E. S. HASSLER, H. CARVER.

ARTICLE XXII.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

During the session of Friday forenoon the Committee on Minutes of Classis under item 2 reported the appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates from the decision of Westmoreland Classis at Johnstown, Pa., November 12-14, 1894. This item was referred to a special committee, see Art. X. The committee on Friday afternoon offered the following report which was adopted, viz :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your committee to whom was referred the appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates from the decision of Westmoreland Classis in suspending the said Rev. W. H. Bates from the Holy Ministry begs leave to offer the following report ;

Your committee has examined the papers relating to the case and find the appeal in order.

We propose the following order for the hearing of the appeal :

1. That the papers in the case be read.
2. That the appellant and appellee each be allowed fifteen minutes for argument.
3. That the Synod then vote upon the matter without further debate.

4. That the time for the hearing of the appeal be fixed for 3 o'clock this P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Wiant,
Wm. Rupp, J. M. Conroy,
A. R. Kremer, L. E. Weber.

When the hour arrived the case was taken up.

Rev. J. F. Snyder was appointed Reading Clerk. The testimony was read, after which Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D. D., represented the Appellant, and Elder C. M. Boush, represented the Classis. The vote was then taken on the question, *Shall the Appeal be Sustained?* and was unanimous in favor of the respondent Westmoreland Classis. The attorney of the appellant gave notice of an appeal to General Synod. Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., and Elder C. M. Boush were appointed to defend the action of the Synod before General Synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.
MISCELLANEOUS.

On Saturday morning under item 7 of the Committee on Overtures the following communication was received, read and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. J. McConnell, C. Gumbert and Elder Jacob Moser, viz. :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Inclosed find statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, which we wish to have printed in your minutes.

Apart from the Appropriation of the Synod's \$325.00, the different Classes have sent in to the Treasurer \$185.25, as follows :

Westmoreland, \$60.83 ; Somerset, \$29.54 ; St. Paul's, \$23.42, and Allegheny, \$71.46.

Paid Annuitants	\$623.42	
Received from Synod		\$325. 8
" " Classes		185.25
		<u>\$510.25</u>
Paid out	\$623.42	
Received	510.25	
	<u>\$113.17</u>	

From this you will see that the Society paid out \$113.17 more than received.

Hoping your Reverend Body will continue to encourage and assist the Society in its noble work of relief, I am with the prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations.

Yours Fraternally in Christ,
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers, presents for record in the Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod the following statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year closing September 25, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury as per last report	\$2,796.34
" from matured bond	2,000.00
" " collection in the Churches	1,442.47
" " royalty on Church Hymnal	715.80
" " interest on investments	647.50
" " Pittsburgh Synod, special	325.00
" " miscellaneous sources	221.66
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	\$8,148.77

EXPENDITURES.

Paid forty-two Annuitants	\$2,636.42
" for investment	2,000.00
" " expenses	135.72
In treasury September 30, 1895	3,376.63
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	\$8,148.77

The cash in the treasury at the above date will be needed for the appropriations to be made at the coming annual meeting of the Society, October 22, 1895. In the past year the following life and annual memberships have been purchased through the collections and contributions received, to wit :

Life Members. Revs. Josiah May, John Naille, Samuel Kuhn, Alpha K. Kline, Rudolph Duenger, D. D., Alfred F. Driesbach, Ph. D., Alfred P. Horn, Chas. W. Levan, Hiram J. Macalister, Jas. W. Mabry, Franklin W. Smith, William J. Kershner, Reuben Rahauser, Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., William G. Engle, Oliver H. Strunck, Hiram A. Frantz, Abraham Bartholomew, Geo. B. Resser and Geo. P. Stem.

Annual Members. Rev. Sigismund Romeis.

Offices of Society.

REV. WM. DEATRICK, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. FRANKLIN HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

Report of the Committee on Foregoing Report.

The committee to which this report was referred, on Monday morning, presented the following, which was adopted, viz :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, respectfully report, that we have carefully examined the paper, and are glad to say that the Society is in a good and prosperous condition ; that whilst there have been two more annuitants this

year than there were last, yet the balance in the treasury is \$580.29 more than it was last year, which is a matter of devout gratitude to God the Giver of all Good, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod rejoices in the continuous and increasing prosperity of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

2. *Resolved*, That the Society be anewedly commended through the Classes to the prayers and the increased liberality of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCONNELL,
C. GUMBERT, JACOB MOSER.

Report of the Committee on the Overture from Erie Classis.

The committee appointed last annual meeting to report on the overture from Erie Classis reported on Saturday morning.

The report was amended and adopted and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

BRETHREN :—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of securing “ more definite and particular information ” concerning Calvin College, of Cleveland, Ohio, than was contained in the memorial presented to your Reverend Body at your last annual meeting by the Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, begs leave to report :

That at a conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th and 30th of January, 1895, between representatives of your committee and representatives of like committees from the Eastern and Ohio Synods on the one part, and the Board of Trustees of Calvin College and representatives of Erie Classis of the Central Synod on the other part—the conference being called at the instance of Erie Classis—the following facts were made clear, viz :

I. That the statement of the above-mentioned memorial as to the importance of the work now being done by Calvin College is substantially correct.

II. That the thorough and satisfactory nature of the training given at Calvin College is fully attested by the fact that the seventeen graduates of the institution and the seventeen other young men who partially took their course there, and who all are now in the Ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, uniformly are men of mark and are preferred to other men for responsible positions in German-English communities.

III. That the memorial does not over-estimate the value of the property now held by Calvin College nor under-estimate the amount of its liabilities. The following substitute was adopted for the remainder of the report : WHEREAS, this Synod has not yet completed its Seminary Endowment, and WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that this work be pushed to a conclusion as speedily as possible, therefore,

Resolved 1, That for the present we cannot see our way clear to accept the proposition of Erie Classis with reference to Calvin College.

Resolved 2, That Calvin College be commended to the prayers and patronage of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SCHMIDT,
A. J. HELLER, C. M. BOUSH.

Report of the Standing Committee on Leave of Absence.

On Friday morning Revs. E. S. Hassler, H. S. Garner, S. C. Long, Elders L. E. Weber and Henry Bush were appointed a committee on Leave of Absence. This committee reported on Monday afternoon, and the report on motion was received and ordered to be recorded and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh :

Your Committee on Leave of Absence report the following as excused at the times mentioned :

Friday morning, Elder C. J. Snyder ; Friday afternoon, Elder J. M. Hoy ; Friday evening, Elder J. M. Conroy ; Saturday morning, Elder L. E. Weber, Elder W. H. H. Baker, Elder W. W. Deichman, Elder David Walthour, Elder C. J. Otto ; Saturday evening, Elder W. R. Barnhart, Rev. Dr. Wm. Rupp, Rev. Dr. D. B. Lady ; Monday morning, Revs. A. M. Schmidt, J. F. Wiant, J. D. Hunsicker, L. W. Showers, Elders Jos. Eisaman, C. Paschman, W. H. Miller, Jacob Moser, H. M. Carver, Jno. Biesecker, H. Slaugenhaupt, Edward Denniston, Jos. Smith, J. Zimmerman, Thos. G. Derr, J. M. Schreckengost, J. Rymbaugh ; Monday morning, Rev. E. D. Meixell ; Monday afternoon, Revs. J. J. Wagoner, F. M. Line, H. D. Darbaker, H. Dieckman, A. S. Glessner, E. P. Skyles, A. M. Shaffner, R. C. Bowling, C. R. Ferner, A. R. Kremer, D. D., C. Gumbert, H. I. Crow, and Elder J. D. Daubenspeck. Last roll call, Revs. A. M. Keifer, G. E. Limbert, J. H. Prugh, D. D.; L. T. Lampe.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. HASSLER,
H. S. GARNER, HENRY BUSH,
S. C. LONG, L. E. WEBER.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

On motion Monday morning Synod proceeded to select the time and place of next annual meeting.

It was *resolved* to meet in *general convention* Wednesday, October 7, 1896, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

An invitation was extended by Christ's Reformed Church, Latrobe, Pa., when it was *resolved* that we accept the invitation of Christ's Reformed Church, Latrobe, Pa., and that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in said church.

Instructions to Treasurer.

On Saturday afternoon the Treasurer was instructed to pay to Rev. T. S. Land \$1.00, expense of printing ballots.

On Monday afternoon the Treasurer was instructed to pay to Rev. D. N. Harnish, the *pastor loci*, the sum of ten dollars to defray incidental expenses.

For the Preservation of the Archives.

On Friday morning the Stated Clerk was instructed to have a box made and to select the more valuable records from the archives and have them placed in a fire-proof vault.

Committee on Reporting Finances.

On Monday morning, under item 14 of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the committee appointed at last annual meeting reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee appointed at the last annual meeting to devise means and methods for the better presentation and reporting of the finances of the Synodical and Classical years would report that after due consideration they have not been able to produce any system for reporting finances which they could commend to the Synod as being better than the one at present in use.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER,	D. H. LEADER,	C. M. BOUSH,
C. R. FERNER,	R. C. BOWLING,	J. M. CONROY.

Reporters.

On Thursday morning Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., A. M. Schmidt and E. S. Hassler were appointed to report the proceedings of Synod.

On Monday afternoon the following report was offered and adopted, viz:

Your committee appointed to report the proceedings to the Pittsburgh and Butler papers announced that the duty assigned them was attended to.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

St. Paul's Orphan Home Day.

The following resolution was offered and adopted at the session on Monday afternoon:

Resolved, That this Synod approves of a St. Paul's Orphan Home Day, as appointed by the Directors of said Home, and that it promises its aid in making it a success.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

At the opening of every session the roll was called and a quorum found present. The Minutes were read, corrected and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of Synod.

The following Resolutions of Thanks were adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Synod of Pittsburgh, greatly appreciate the generous hospitality bestowed upon all in attendance at the sessions of Synod by the members of St. Paul's and Bethany Congregations of Butler, Pa., and that we do hereby express our heartfelt gratitude for the same and pray that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may ever rest upon them in every good work.

Resolved, That the pastors of the above-mentioned congregations be requested to read the above resolution from their pulpits at the earliest opportunity.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to transmit the cordial thanks of this Synod to the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, Allegheny Valley, Pittsburgh and Western, and Pittsburgh, Shenango and Lake Erie Railroads for the favor of reduced rates extended the delegates attending Synod, and that the Stated Clerk notify the proper officials of this action.

At the final roll call at the close of the session Rev. Frank Ferenczi and Elder C. Reitze were absent and unexcused.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned finally at 5:30 o'clock P. M., October 14, 1895, to meet in *general convention* in Christ's Reformed Church, Latrobe, Pa., on the first Wednesday in October (the 7th day), A. D. 1896, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Synod closed with divine services, consisting of the Confession of the Apostles' Creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, singing Long Metre Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the President.

DANIEL H. LEADER, *President*,

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy of the original Minutes.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS, for the Year Ending May 29, 1895.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Baptisms.				Additions.		Communicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.		Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Periodicals.		Post Office Addresses.
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.								Beneficent Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.	Church Papers.	S. S. Papers.	
Jacob F. Snyder.....	Emmanuel	248	281	14	3	8	5	8	0	7	1	18	187	1	\$455 52	\$1925 50	58	50	Manor Dale, Pa.
C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.....	1st Greensburg	582	495	35	17	7	7	5	4	10	1	90	880	1	1015 95	2300 00	50	50	Greensburg, Pa.
C. M. Hartzell	Latrobe	301	170	16	7	20	21	10	8	7	2	22	326	1	282 71	1448 50	50	50	Latrobe, Pa.
Charles R. Ferner	Mt. Pleasant	214	115	17	4	5	6	9	9	9	2	22	163	1	328 63	1353 00	49	170	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
John N. Hauman	Grace	175	131	13	2	21	20	7	7	4	1	15	150	1	222 00	920 00	24	150	Jeannette, Pa.
J. Harvey Mickle	Scottdale	196	97	7	16	13	24	1	7	3	2	25	234	1	264 65	981 38	29	190	Scottdale, Pa.
David A. Souder	Irwin	350	376	23	4	4	12	5	4	4	2	235	235	1	407 69	1125 44	117	115	Irwin, Pa.
Isaiah N. Burger	Harrold's	270	156	10	3	3	2	7	1	8	2	145	145	1	147 50	1831 94	48	190	Greensburg, Pa.
Christian W. Summy	Pine Run	314	184	13	3	6	8	7	1	9	3	87	278	1	858 98	891 30	40	280	North Washington, Pa.
John M. Evans	Benmark Manor	281	144	14	3	21	14	3	1	6	2	267	267	1	246 00	1523 49	16	103	Harrison City, Pa.
Samuel H. Dietzel	Pleasant Unity	222	138	18	9	21	8	4	1	8	2	12	185	2	917 84	685 25	17	145	Pleasant Unity, Pa.
Edwin D. Melzell	Salem	248	140	16	9	9	10	8	1	4	2	135	135	1	261 15	1069 50	47	47	Delmont, Pa.
D. Snider Stephen	Youngstown	165	108	9	4	150	4	6	2	2	3	179	179	1	61 00	323 50	47	47	Youngstown, Pa.
Thomas S. Land	Brush Creek	224	106	15	2	8	182	8	2	2	2	168	168	1	280 00	600 00	56	150	Manor Station, Pa.
Vacant	ad Greensburg	320	140	12	2	2	212	1	8	1	1	148	148	1	318 88	1756 02	40	40	Greenburg, Pa.
Vacant	Sr John's	140	100	0	2	105	2	1	2	1	1	80	80	1	50 00	755 00	40	40	Johnstown, Pa.
John McConnell	Without charge																		Salina, Pa.
Lucien Cort	"																		Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
Licentiate Takeo Noya.....	"																		34 Sand St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ministers, 17	Charges, 16	4294	2769	241	52	165	143	3578	91	82	29	159	3177	5	\$5014 50	\$5182 82	554	1580	

CLARION CLASSIS, for the Year Ending May 29, 1895.

Ministers.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Periodicals.		Post Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purpose.	Congregation Purpose.	(Church Papers.	S. S. Papers.	
Robert C. Bowling.....	Kittanning.....	1	267	157	12	6	21	4	212	5	1	5	4	1	16	108	1	\$180	\$1076	28	150	Kittanning, Pa.
Jacob F. Wiant.....	Paradise.....	3	465	305	23	8	18	6	395	10		16	16	3	41	340		328	952	65	65	Trentville, Pa.
Samuel T. Wagner.....	Beaver.....	2	421	253	12		10	8	304	7		14	2	2	23	153	1	456	732	49	75	Monroe, Pa.
Robert E. Crum.....	Du Bois.....	8	275	202	18	10	20	22	258			13	6	8	20	205		163	1898			Du Bois, Pa.
Richard F. Cass.....	Red Bank.....	4	384	157	14		12	10	304	2		13	10	3	30	250		329	1041	66		Hawthorn, Pa.
Christian Gumbert.....	South Bend.....	2	180	93	6		10	4	165	9			4	2	19	185	1	114	565	45		Girty, Pa.
David W. Kerr.....	Sr. John's.....	3	207	140	11		10	4	138	7			5	3	34	236		204	738	70		Worthville, Pa.
L. W. Showers.....	Plumb Creek.....	4	382	240	22	2	33	7	350			68	2	4	43	228		203	707	70		Elderton, Pa.
John N. Nely.....	Apollo.....	1	108	64	10	3	5	20	98	5		5	5	1	19	115		57	1410	10		Apello, Pa.
J. D. Hunsicker.....	Curtisville.....	4	350	275	6		8	4	311	9		22	6	4	45	226		376	462	20		Curtisville, Pa.
H. D. Darbaker.....	Embleton.....	2	186	155	7	3	18	10	160	3		19	3	2	13	94		240	700	20		Embleton, Pa.
Vacant.....	Sr. Petersburg.....	1	254	130	12		7	2	130	9		30	7	1	9	120		50	1250	12		Sr. Petersburg, Pa.
Joseph G. Shoemaker.....	Disabled.....																					Braddock, Pa.
William C. Houpt.....	Disabled.....																					Venus, Pa.
Ministers, 13	Charges, 12.	31	3474	2146	182	27	167	101	2976	66	1	176	64	29	327	2195	3	\$2697	\$10906	354	225	

I hereby certify that the above is a correct duplicate copy of report on state of the Church and statistical table. R. E. Crum, Stated Clerk.

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS, for the Year Ending June 8, 1895.

Ministers.	Charges	Congregations.			Baptisms.		Additions.			Excommunicated.		Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		(Officers and Teachers.)		Sunday School Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.		Post Office Address.
		Members.	Unborned.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Commenced.	Dismissed.													Benefvolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	English.	German.	
John D. Thomas,.....	Zion.....	4 288	125	8	6	10	1	219	1	2	6	8	8	30	140	1						\$170	\$948	60	26	Cochran, Pa.
A. Marion Keifer ..	Greenville ..	1 896	150	18	5	90	26	338	11	8	1	1	25	210	1							680	1300	40	103	Greenville, Pa.
U. Oliver H. Kerschner	Sharpville ..	2 205	158	16		25	4	183	6	20	4	2	24	175								92	780	48	90	Sharpville, Pa.
Joseph H. Apple, D. D.	Without charge ..																									Sagertown, Pa.
Frederick Emmer ..	" ..																									Crestline Ohio.
George E. Lambert ..	Grove City ..	3 141	55	6			10	128	6		2	3	24	92								120	586	13	86	Grove City, Pa.
Francis M. Line.....	Sagertown ..	3 813	140	9	3	15	10	200	6		9	3	27	135								225	1210	28	70	Sagertown, Pa.
David B. Lady, D. D.	Shenango ..	4 659	268	26	5	34	20	606	13	8	10	4	61	404	2							757	1236	63		Greenville, Pa.
Louis B. Goerrig.....	St. Paul ..	1 160	123	20				123			1	1	11	87								28	485			Sharon, Pa.
* Alfred M. Schaffner.	Meadville ..	2 347	180	14	1	19	3	318	14	32	7	2	16	200								250	5908	121	170	Meadville, Pa.
† Harvey I. Crow.....	New Hamburg ..	1 106	77	7	6	11	3	155	7			1	9	96								125	2365	22	60	New Hamburg.
† John C. Horning ..	S. S. Mastatory ..																									
Ministers, 12	Charges, 9	21 2680	1306	124	25	144	77	2269	63	65	40	20	227	1516	3							\$2277	\$14708	00	394	561

* Received from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, and installed pastor of Meadville charge, July 29, 1895.

† Ordained and installed pastor of New Hamburg charge, August 2, 1895.

‡ Licensed June 8, 1895, and ordained July 31, 1895.

Geo. E. Lukens, *Stated Clerk.*

BOMBERET CLASSIS, for the Year Ending October 9, 1993.[illegible]

•Last Year's Report

He has a fine car, started in a B. K. club, perfect timing, for

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS, for the Year Ending May 20, 1895.

MINISTERS	CHARGES	Congregations	Members	Unconfirmed	Baptisms		Additions		Confirmed	Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Commenced	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Scholars	Students for Missions	Contributions		Minutes of Synod		Post Office Address
					Infants	Adults	Confirmed	Reverend											Benevolent Purpose	Congregation's Purpose	English	German	
John H. Prugh, D. D.	Grace	1	176	194	9	1	2	16	384	7	69	8	1	12	185		\$1400 00	\$4600 00			202 Colliart Sq., Pittsburgh, Pa.		
J. S. Freeman	Trinity	1	148	104	7		4	10	117	7	4	3	1	19	126		221 00	1272 00			Wilkinsburg, Pa.		
D. N. Harnish	Butler	2	343	211	17	8	23	24	316	5	11	2	2	2	386		600 00	1702 00			Butler, Pa.		
H. S. Garner	Fairview	2	218	126	6		18	7	192	8		4	2	24	135		198 00	657 00			Baldwin, Butler Co., Pa.		
D. G. Klein	Sugar Creek	1	101	125	18	1	26	6	172	5	12	2	1	12	60		182 00	425 00			Adams, Armstrong Co., Pa.		
H. E. Snyder	Bethany	1	66	60	4	1	2		51		7	1	1	11	55		25 00	825 00	10		Butler, Pa.		
Ambrase M. Schmidt	St. Mark's Memorial	1	92	43	3	1	2	9	77	5		3	1	11	62		1560 00	2178 00			16 Shady Lane, Pittsburgh, Pa.		
Alpha K. Kline	St. Luke's	1	70	48	6		3	7	50		2	4	1	15	82		105 00	333 00	13		Braddock, Pa.		
J. J. Wagoner	Calvary	1	117	93	6		1	17	80	2	6	2	1	17	106		86 00	979 00	12		Turtle Creek, Pa.		
Frank Ferenczi	1st Hungarian	1	297	86	26		8	2	230			12	1	15	188		140 00	600 00			Hates St., Pittsburgh, Pa.		
A. J. Heller, D. D.	Grace, Harmony	1	290	95	10		9	3	207	5		3	1	11	76		28 00	400 00			Harmony, Pa.		
A. J. Heller, supply	St. John's, Evans City	1	123	101	4		11	4	107	1		4	1	11	76						McKeesport, Pa.		
Vacant	1st Reformed Church	1	70		10	2	2	2	65	12		1	1	9	65			287 00				Carnegie, Pa.	
Charles Koepper	Without charge																				Butler, Pa.		
P. C. Prugh, D. D.	Supt. St. Paul's O. H.																				Warren, Ohio.		
E. H. Ching	Without charge																				Tiffin, Ohio.		
M. F. Frank	"																				Yorkton Association, Canada.		
John Kovacs	Hungarian Missionary																						
Ministers, 16	Charges, 15	15	2353	1267	127	14	106	106	1998	52	107	48	14	192	1477		\$4426 00	\$14042 00	34	1			

SUMMARY OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD FOR 1895.

CLASSES.	Number of Synods.	Classes.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Commenced.	Withdrawn.	Excommunicated.	Renewal of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Periodicals.		
							Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.										Beneficial Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Westmoreland.....	16	71	136	16276	9733	824	134	725	108	13727	354	1	448	297	121	1226	10556	12	12	16441	\$73421	\$1617	3806	
Synod of Pittsburgh (Total).....	1	11	271	514	94046	61579	4567	607	4325	2285	77192	1430	2	1375	2678	617	8460	70504	118	118	922238	419695		
Clarion.....	13	31	228	21682	6232	728	628	1416	905	17717	857	4	858	882	202	2923	21802	30	30	20930	113443			
St. Paul's.....	12	21	218	20442	14564	2016	25	1658	862	15127	263	8	481	508	191	718	11679	37	37	18470	101816			
Someract.....	14	38	305	96307	20326	1921	396	1950	961	30339	609	4	572	806	290	8463	29785	64	64	32224	153884			
Allegheny.....	16	15	293	1267	1307	127	14	106	105	1004	52	107	43	14	192	1477	1477	1	1	4425	00	14942	00	
Synod of Pittsburgh (Total).....	1	71	136	16276	9733	824	134	725	108	13727	354	1	448	297	121	1226	10556	12	12	16441	\$73421	\$1617	3806	
Eastern Synod.....	1	11	271	514	94046	61579	4567	607	4325	2285	77192	1430	2	1375	2678	617	8460	70504	118	118	922238	419695		
Synod of Ohio.....	1	6	156	21682	6232	728	628	1416	905	17717	857	4	858	882	202	2923	21802	30	30	20930	113443			
German Synod of Northwest.....	1	10	143	20442	14564	2016	25	1658	862	15127	263	8	481	508	191	718	11679	37	37	18470	101816			
Synod of Potomac.....	1	9	162	96307	20326	1921	396	1950	961	30339	609	4	572	806	290	8463	29785	64	64	32224	153884			
German Synod of the East.....	1	5	56	14393	10102	2285	33	782	782	11411	95		573	485	55	1084	10492	14	14	8271	82628			
Central Synod.....	1	4	82	114	19771	11722	1244	68	805	760	14762	246	489	488	105	1679	14096	33	33	17005	99912			
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LATROBE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA., OCTOBER 7-12, 1896.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met pursuant to resolution taken at its last meeting, in *General Convention*, on Wednesday, October 7th, A. D. 1896, at 7.45 o'clock, P. M., in Christ's Reformed church, Latrobe, Westmoreland county, Pa., and was opened with divine services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. D. H. Leader, of Elk Lick, Pa., from John 14 : 12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President and constituted with prayer. Thereupon the roll was called and a quorum found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers: J. F. Snyder, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., C. M. Hartzell, J. N. Bowman, J. H. Mickley, D. A. Souders, C. W. Summey,⁸ J. M. Evans, E. D. Meixell,⁹ D. S. Stephan, T. S. Land, S. B. Mase,¹ W. H. Tussing, D. J. Wolf, I. N. Burger, John McConnell and Lucien Cort.⁹

Elders: J. H. Kuhns, J. E. Kunkel,¹ D. W. Bortz,^{3, 11} D. J. Saxman, Alex. Leonard,^{1, 9} H. J. Horner, W. J. Wiester,⁸ J. Brinker,^{2, 7} A. W. Nicely,⁸ H. A. Lauffer, Jacob Byers,⁸ W. F. Brinker,¹ S. B. Fisher, William Bortz,¹ and John Sell.^{2, 6}

Charges not represented: Scottdale and Irwin.

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers: R. C. Bowling, S. T. Wagner, R. E. Crum,^{1, 9} R. F. Gass,¹ C. Gumbert, D. W. Kerr, L. W. Showers, J. N. Naly, J. D. Hunsicker and U. O. H. Kerschner.

Elders: John Reiter,⁸ Peter Klingler,^{2, 7} H. L. Hartzfelt,¹ Felix Stahlman,¹ Jesse Hoffman, W. W. Wallace,^{2, 7} James Kifer⁹ and Thomas Armigost.⁹

Charges not represented: Kittanning, Du Boise, South Bend, Plumb Creek and Emlenton.

III.—St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers: A. M. Kifer, George E. Limbert, F. M. Line,^{1, 5} D. B. Lady, D.D., A. M. Schaffner, H. I. Crow, J. C. Horning,⁶ J. F. Wiant and D. E. Masters.¹

Elders: William Flaugh,^{1, 8} John Reimold,⁹ S. B. Adams,^{1, 7} David Boyer, O. T. Fetterhoff, John Fox⁵ and C. Kameron.¹⁰

Charges not represented: Sharpsville and St. Paul's.

IV.—Somerset Classis.

Ministers: A. R. Kremer, D.D.,^{2, 8} William Rupp, D.D., A. C. Snyder, Ph.D.,^{4, 9} S. C. Long, A. S. Glessner, E. S. Hassler, D. H. Leader,⁹ Franklin Wetzel,^{1, 8} Henry Dieckmann,^{2, 9} A. E. Truxal, D.D., and E. P. Skyles.

Elders: A. C. Lepley,^{1, 7} I. D. Zimmerman and C. Baker.

Charges not represented: Wellersburg, Somerset, Berlin, Wills Creek, New Centerville, Cumberland, Beam, Paradise, Frostburg and Meyersdale.

V.—Allegheny Classis.

Ministers: Charles Knepper,¹⁰ J. H. Prugh, D.D., P. C. Prugh, D.D.,¹⁰ D. N. Harnish, H. S. Garner, A. M. Schmidt, A. K. Kline, J. J. Wagoner,^{1, 8} A. J. Heller, D.D., C. L. Als-pach,⁸ F. J. E. Muehe⁷ and H. W. Bright.

Elders: J. M. Conroy,^{1, 7} A. O. Everhart,⁷ Henry Biehl,¹ A. H. List, G. W. Cline,^{2, 8} Martin Sittler,¹⁰ Conrad Wagner⁶ and J. M. Byers.⁸

Charges not represented: Trinity, Sugar Creek, St. Mark's and First Hungarian.

Advisory Members.

Eastern Synod: Philadelphia Classis, Rev. C. J. Musser; Lancaster Classis, Rev. D. B. Schneder, missionary to Japan.

Potomac Synod: Maryland Classis, Rev. A. S. Weber; Juniata Classis, Rev. S. U. Wangaman.

Ohio Synod: Tiffin Classis, Rev. E. D. Wettach, D.D.

Interior Synod: Iowa Classis, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.; Wichita Classis, Rev. D. B. Shuey.

Elders: C. M. Boush, D. Miller, C. A. Walter, E. Hoffmeyer.

Visiting Ministers.

Rev. H. B. Hummel, Presbyterian.

Rev. Townsen, United Presbyterian.

Rev. J. K. Wiesner, Lutheran.

NOTE.—¹Appeared Thursday morning. ²Thursday afternoon. ³Friday morning. ⁴Saturday afternoon. ⁵Excused Friday morning. ⁶Saturday morning. ⁷Saturday afternoon. ⁸Monday morning. ⁹Monday afternoon. ¹⁰Monday evening. ¹¹Occupied seat of John E. Kunkle primaries Friday.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. Samuel T. Wagner, *President*, Monroe, Pa.

Rev. John M. Evans, *Vice-President*, Harrison City, Pa.

Rev. J. Harvey Mickley, *State Clerk*, Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. Albert S. Glessner, *Corresponding Secretary*, Cumberland, Md.

Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., *Treasurer*, Harmony, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk. The President agreeably to the Rules of Order defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first eight pews.

The session hours adopted by Synod were as follows: To meet at 9 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., and to adjourn at 11:30 o'clock A. M. and 4:30 o'clock P. M. These hours were observed except that on Saturday afternoon and Monday morning Synod met at 1:30 o'clock and 8 o'clock. On Thursday and Friday afternoons the time for adjournment was extended to 4:50 o'clock and 5:20 o'clock.

A business session was also held on Monday evening, from 7 to 9:45 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

Religious Services.—Revs. C. M. Hartzell, D. S. Stephen, J. H. Prugh, D.D., Elders D. J. Saxman and A. W. Nicely.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. F. M. Line, C. L. Alspach, E. D. Meixell, Elders John Reiter and O. T. Fetterhoff.

Overtures.—Revs. Geo. E. Limbert, J. N. Naly, E. S. Hassler, Elders John M. Conroy and J. Reimold.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. A. S. Glessner, H. W. Bright, A. M. Schaffner, Elders Felix Stahlman and W. J. Weister.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., P. C. Prugh, D.D., J. McConnell, Elders Jesse Hoffman and Jacob Byers.

State of the Church.—Revs. D. H. Leader, D. A. Souders, H. I. Crow, Elders Thomas Armigost and C. Baker.

Theological Seminary.—R. F. Gass, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., F. J. E. Muehe, Elders I. D. Zimmerman and David Boyer.

Missions.—Revs. R. E. Crum, T. S. Land, S. C. Long, Elders C. Kemmerer and A. H. List.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. J. F. Wiant, A. J. Heller, D. D. L. Cort, Elders James Kifer and H. A. Lauffer.

Education.—Revs. C. Gumbert, A. K. Kline, J. F. Snyder, Elders John Fox and H. J. Horner.

Publication.—Revs. J. N. Bauman, R. C. Bowling, E. P. Skyles, Elders S. B. Fisher and A. O. Eberhart.

Nominations.—Revs. C. W. Summey, D. W. Kerr, A. M. Schmidt, Elders A. Leonard and Conrad Wagner.

Finance.—Revs. H. S. Garner, U. O. H. Kerschner, S. B. Mase, Elders J. H. Kuhns and H. L. Hartzfelt.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. D. N. Harnish, A. M. Kifer, L. W. Showers, Elders A. C. Lepley and W. F. Brinker.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. J. J. Wagoner, J. D. Hunsicker, J. C. Horning, Elders William Bortz and W. F. Flaugh.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of General Synod, of Pittsburgh Synod and of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committees.

2. The reports of the several Boards of Synod were read and referred to the proper committees.

3. Twenty-four other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during the sessions, observed the following religious services, viz:

1. The sessions of Synod throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported at various times, and the report, as finally adopted and carried out is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to make the following report:

Thursday Evening: The Sunday School and Publication. Rev. A. M. Kifer presiding.

Address on the Sunday School by J. C. Horning.

Address on Publication by Rev. C. J. Musser.

Friday Evening: Foreign Missions. Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., presiding. Address by the Rev. D. B. Schneder.

Saturday Afternoon: 2:30 o'clock—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. D. N. Harnish. Altar Services—Revs. C. L. Alspach and E. P. Skyles.

Saturday Evening: Ministerial Relief and Orphan Cause. Rev. John McConnell presiding. Addresses: Ministerial Relief—Rev. J. F. Wiant; Orphan Cause—Revs. R. C. Bowling and P. C. Prugh, D.D.

Sunday Morning: 9:30 o'clock—Sunday School. Addresses—Revs. E. P. Skyles and A. S. Glessner.

Sunday Morning: 10:45 o'clock—Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. S. T. Wagner. Altar Services by Revs. J. M. Evans and J. H. Mickley.

Sunday Afternoon: 2:30 o'clock. Address to the Jr. C. E. Society by Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D.

Sunday Evening: 6:30 o'clock. C. E. Addresses by Revs. H. W. Bright, A. M. Kifer and J. H. Prugh, D.D.

Sunday Evening: 7:30 o'clock—Home Missions. Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., presiding. Addresses: Church Extension—Rev. A. M. Schmidt; Home Missions—Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., and C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

Other Churches.

Presbyterian Church. Morning, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; evening, J. H. Prugh, D. D.

Methodist Episcopal Church. Morning, Rev. C. L. Alspach; evening, Rev. W. H. Tussing.

Lutheran Church. Evening, Rev. R. E. Crum.

Reformed Church, Derry Station. Afternoon, Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. HARTZEL,

D S. STEPHEN,

J .H. PRUGH,

D. J. SAXMAN,

A. W. NICELY.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod presented its report, both of General and Pittsburgh Synod, on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The report was received, considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod submit the following report:

Minutes of General Synod.

Item 1, p. 87. Directs Synods, Classes and Boards to carry forward their work according to the principles underlying the plan of the "Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system" in the organization of churches, missions and Sunday Schools.

Item 2, p. 88. General Synod commends the Women's Missionary Societies and directs the attention of District Synods and Classes to the importance of organizing such societies.

Item 3, p. 89. Directs Synods and Classes to endeavor to secure a yearly average of fifty cents a member for Home Missions.

Item 4, p. 126. General Synod appeals to District Synod to secure the entire amount of the apportionment for Foreign Missions.

Item 5, p. 136. General Synod urges Synods to challenge pastors and people for larger offerings for orphan homes.

Item 6, p. 178. Urges the churches, through the Synods, to aid in the work of the Sunday School Board.

Item 7, p. 199. Re-submits the Revised Constitution to the Classes for approval or rejection and directs that result shall be reported by the Classes and Synod to the General Synod.

Item 8, p. 207. Directs that the column in statistical table under which deaths are reported be so divided as to distinguish between confirmed and unconfirmed members.

Item 9, p. 207. Directs Synods, through their Classes, to provide pastors with blanks in accordance with the above action.

Item 10, p. 207. Instructs Synods to direct their Classes to see to it that the ministers account for all names taken from the roll of the confirmed membership, either by dismissal, erasure, excommunication or death.

Item 11, p. 207. General Synod urges the Synods to remind the Classes of the need of care on the part of the pastors in making out statistics.

Item 12, p. 246. (a) The following apportionments placed upon Pittsburgh Synod for the next three years: Contingent expenses, \$300; Home Missions, \$4,100; Harbor Mission, \$75; Hungarian and Bohemian, \$450; work among Germans, \$450; Foreign Missions, \$2,600.

(b) Directs the Synods' attention to the expediency of paying one-third of the sum apportioned for contingent expenses annually.

Item 13, p. 259. Commends the cause of Beneficiary Education to the Synods.

Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 1, p. 6. Committee on Ministerial Necrology, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D., chairman.

Item 2, p. 26. Synod instructs treasurer to pay \$100 to Prof. Wm. Rupp, D.D., on current expenses.

Item 3, p. 27. Commits the collection of unpaid endowment pledges to Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D.

Item 4, p. 27. Continues the Endowment Committee.

Item 5, p. 27. (a) Overture to the Eastern and Potomac Synods regarding the appointment of committees to select sites for house for the professors of the Seminary. (b) Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., chairman of committee from the Synod.

Item 6, p. 50. Committee appointed to co-operate with the management of Franklin and Marshall College in increasing endowment, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., chairman.

Item 7, p. 50. Committee appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., chairman.

Item 8, p. 54. Revs. T. S. Land and A. M. Schmidt appointed to confer with similar committees from the Eastern and Potomac Synods regarding the lease of the publication house.

Item 9, p. 54. Stated Clerk was instructed to publish and distribute minutes.

Item 10, p. 56. The terms of office of the following members expire:

Trustee of Synod, Elder J. D. Meese; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Homes*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., John McConnell, Elders J. T. Hamilton and P. Keil; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. J. F. Wiant, H. D. Darbaker, D. N. Dittmar; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D.; *Board of Home Missions*, Elder J. M. Conroy; *Sunday School Board*, Rev. A. M. Kifer.

Item 11, p. 63. Ex-Treasurer C. M. Boush continued as a committee on moneys tied up in the Dick Bank.

Item 12, p. 64. Classes indebted to Wichita Fund are requested to pay arrearages.

Item 13, p. 67. Recommends statistical blank of Sunday School Board to the Classes.

Item 14, p. 67. Recommends that Sunday School conventions be held in our Classes.

Item 15, p. 68. Committee appointed to defend the action of Synod before General Synod in the Bates appeal case, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., chairman.

Item 16, p. 70. Commends the Society of Ministerial Relief, through the Classes, to the prayers and liberality of the Church.

Item 17, p. 72. Treasurer of Synod instructed to pay Rev. D. N. Harnish ten dollars, and Rev. T. S. Land, one dollar.

Item 18, p. 72. Stated Clerk instructed to place valuable records in fire-proof vault.

Item 19, p. 73. Pastor loci instructed to read resolution of thanks before his congregation.

Item 20, p. 73. Stated Clerk instructed to transmit the cordial thanks of Synod to the railroad companies for reduced rates to members of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. LINE,

C. L. ALSPACH,

E. D. MEIXELL,

O. T. FETTERHOFF,

JOHN REITER.

The following action was taken:

General Synod. Items 1, 2, 7, 11 and 13 were adopted. 3, 6 and 10 were adopted and the Classes were instructed to co-operate. 4 was referred to the Committee on Missions. See Art. XIV. 5 was adopted and the Homes commended. 8 and 9 were adopted, and Classes instructed to use blanks and make the division in the column of deaths. 12 adopted and (a) was referred to the Committee on Finance, Art. XIX.; (b) Synod ordered one-third of the contingent expenses of General Synod paid annually.

Pittsburgh Synod. Item 1, adopted, see Art. XX, Ministerial Necrology. 2, 9, 14, 17, 18, 19 and 20 found attended to. 3, 4 and 5, adopted, see Art. XIII, Theological Seminary. 6, adopted. The committee was continued and Revs. U. O. H. Kerschner and A. J. Heller, D.D., were appointed to fill the vacancies. See Art. XV. Institution of Learning. 7, adopted, see Art. XV. 8, adopted, see Art. XVII. Publication. 10, adopted and referred to the Committee on Nominations, see Art. XVIII. Nominations. 11, adopted, and Elder C. M. Boush continued, see Art. XIX. 12, 13 and 16, adopted. 15, adopted, see Art. XXII. Appeals.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at various times, which was received and considered, item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures reports that the following papers were placed in its hands for consideration and hereby claim the attention of this Synod:

Item 1. A report from Rev. D. B. Shuey, President of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, concerning the financial condition of the institution.

Item 2. A proposition of the guarantors for the payment of a certain mortgage given by the Wichita University.

Item 3. A communication from Rev. J. David Miller, President of the Board of Managers of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

Item 4. A report concerning Franklin and Marshall College, by Rev. John S. Stahr, D.D., president; also catalogue.

Item 5. The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 6. A communication from Rev. H. J. Reutenik, D.D., concerning Calvin College.

Item 7. Information from Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs, D.D., that the term of service of Prof. E. Mackey as a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College has expired.

Item 8. The report of the Sunday School Board, through its President and the General Secretary.

Item 9. A communication concerning the "Reformed Church Tidings."

Item 10. The report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 11. The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 12. The report of the Committee on selection of site and construction of building for Potomac Synod's professor.

Item 13. A plan for a Beneficiary Educational Endowment, presented by Rev. Hiram King.

Item 14. A communication from the American Bible Society, requesting Synod to commend the work of the Society to the generous support of its churches.

Item 15. A copy of the Constitution of the American Anti-Saloon League, and a request to select delegates to attend the National Anti-Saloon Convention, to be held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 8-10, 1896.

Item 16. A catalogue of the Woman's College, at Frederick, Md.

Item 17. A communication from Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, thanking Synod for the favors of the past and asking for the continuance of aid.

Item 18. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 19. The report of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows."

Item 20. A communication from the Superintendent of Home Missions, concerning the unpaid pledges to Chicago Mission.

Item 21. A communication from the Superintendent of Home Missions, concerning the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund.

Item 22. A communication from the same, concerning a deficiency in the treasury of the Board of Home Missions.

Item 23. The annual report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 24. A communication from the Eastern Synod, embodying the action of that Synod on the purchasing of lots for professors of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. HASSLER,
J. M. CONROY,

GEO. E. LIMBERT,
J. N. NALY,
JOHN REIMOLD.

Items 1 and 2. Were read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., A. J. Heller, D.D., and Elder J. E. Kunkel. See Art. XXIII.

Items 3 and 19. Read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Wm. Rupp, D.D., Franklin Wetzel, and Elder A. H. List. See Art. XXIII.

Items 4 and 16 were read and referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. See Art. XV.

Items 5, 12, 18 and 24. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. See Art. XIII.

Item 6. Under this item the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the Synod has heard with pleasure of the prosperous condition of Calvin College, at Cleveland, and that this institution be commended to the prayers, patronage and liberality of the Church."

Item 7. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. See Art. XVIII.

Items 8 and 14. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools. See Art. XXI.

Items 9, 11, 20, 21, 22 and 23 were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. See Art. XIV.

Item 10. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. See Art. XVII.

Item 13. Read and referred to a special committee, consisting of the President of the Board of Beneficiary Education, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Rev. D. E. Masters, and Elder W. F. Brinker. See Art. XXIII.

Item 15. Read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. R. Kremer, D.D., F. J. Muehe, and Elder Peter Klingler. See Art. XXIII.

Item 17. The item was read. The aid given by Synod was increased \$25, and continued; the total assistance of the Synod and Relief Society to be \$300.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during Saturday's session. The report was received and considered item by item and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to offer the following report:

I.—Irregularities—None.

II.—Requests—None.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

1. Westmoreland Classis calls Synod's attention to the fact that their Tentative Apportionment has been met.

2. Westmoreland Classis calls Synod's attention to its mode of sending down instructions, ignoring Classis.

3. Dr. N. L. K. Kline appeals to Synod against the action of Westmoreland Classis in confirming the call of Rev. E. D. Meixell to the Scottdale charge.

IV.—Subjects Referred.

4. All matters were favorably acted upon by the Classes with the following exceptions:

(a) Westmoreland Classis refuses to adopt statistical blank for Sunday Schools because of the irregular manner in which it comes before said body.

(b) St. Paul's Classis does not assume the entire amount apportioned by Synod.

[Apportioned by Synod, \$1,360; assumed by Classis, \$1,250.]

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

5. *Westmoreland Classis* received Licentiate D. J. Wolf from Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. W. H. Tussing from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio; and Rev. S. B. Mase from Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio. Dismissed Rev. S. H.

Dietzel to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. H. W. Bright to Allegheny Classis.

6. *Clarion Classis* received Rev. U. O. H. Kershner from St. Paul's Classis; licensed D. E. Master and dismissed him to St. Paul's Classis. Dismissed Rev. J. F. Wiant to St. Paul's Classis.

7. *St. Paul's Classis* received Rev. J. F. Wiant from Clarion Classis, and Licentiate D. E. Master from Clarion Classis. Dismissed Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner to Clarion Classis.

8. *Somerset Classis* licensed H. S. Nicholson and dismissed him to St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio. Dismissed Rev. L. T. Lampe to Virginia Classis, Synod of Potomac. Ordained to the Gospel Ministry Licentiate E. P. Skyles.

9. *Allegheny Classis* received Rev. C. L. Alspach from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. H. W. Bright from Westmoreland Classis, and ordained to the Gospel Ministry Licentiate F. J. E. Muehe.

VI.—Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting.

10. *Westmoreland Classis* will meet in Trinity church, Scottsdale, Pa., Wednesday, May 19, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. D. A. Souders, *President*; Rev. J. F. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

11. *Clarion Classis* will meet in the Reformed church, Monroe, Pa., Wednesday, May 12, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. T. Wagner, *President*; Rev. R. E. Crum, *Stated Clerk*.

12. *St. Paul's Classis* will meet in St. Mark's church, New Hamburg, Pa., May 27, 1897, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. D. B. Lady, *President*; Rev. Geo. E. Limbert, *Stated Clerk*.

13. *Somerset Classis* will meet in Amity church, Meyersdale, Pa., Wednesday, May 19, 1897, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. S. Glessner, *President*; Rev. E. S. Hassler, *Stated Clerk*.

14. *Allegheny Classis* will meet in the First Reformed church, McKeesport, Pa., on second Thursday in May, 1897, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. J. Wagoner, *President*; Rev. D. N. Harnish, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. GLESSNER,
H. W. BRIGHT,

ALFRED M. SCHAFFNER,
FELIX STAHLMAN,
W. J. WEISTER.

Item 1. Adopted and the attention of the Classis called to the fact that if payment is made through the treasurer of Synod credit will be given.

Items 2 and 5 to 14 severally adopted.

Item 3, together with all the papers, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. P. C. Prugh, D.D., F. Wetzel, and Elder David Boyer. See Art. XXII.

Item 4. Adopted and St. Paul's Classis earnestly requested to accept the apportionments of Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported on Saturday afternoon and the report as adopted is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report that nothing came before it for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,

P. C. PRUGH,

J. McCONNELL,

JESSE HOFFMAN,

JACOB BYERS.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church submitted its report on Monday forenoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report:

First, that we acknowledge with devout gratitude the gracious favor of God which has attended us as a Synod through another year. We have much to be thankful for and to bless His name.

The reports from the several Classes in summing up the labors of pastors and people, speak of much that God hath done for His Zion throughout our bounds.

The lives of all the pastors have been spared, and although they have had much to try their strength, both physical and spiritual, yet they have been sustained in their arduous labors and in the midst of trials by an all-sufficient grace which has been the support of God's servants of all ages.

There are times of trial and discouragement that come to us all. Times, when in the midst of this great, busy world, engrossed in its own pursuits, and too unmindful of the higher claims of God's religion, the servant of God feels a depression of spirits and a loneliness like that of the prophets, or as was felt by the Divine Master Himself when He said, "Ye shall be scattered every man to his own and leave Me alone." But these feelings have, through the ministry of the same good angels that brought cheer and hope to them, been duly followed by a new strength and a feeling that we are "not alone because the Father is with us."

At these annual meetings we stand on high places on the

line of the Church's march toward the end of her great mission in the world. We stand on the sunlighted peaks, from whence we may look into the valleys below and see more clearly that through which God has brought us, and with thankful hearts are constrained to say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

It is our happy privilege to be able to report that there has been noticeable progress all along the line of the Church's work within our bounds.

There has been an increase in the number of our ministers. These are all in one way or other, employed in the Master's service, and with but two or three exceptions, all are engaged in the full duties of the pastorate.

There has also been an encouraging increase in the membership, in the number of students for the ministry, Sunday School scholars, and in the ratio of attendance upon the Holy Sacraments. The hand of death has also been less actively engaged among our people than in some former years, while the contributions to the Lord's cause have been, considering the stringency of the times, unusually liberal.

The average given for all purposes, as far as reported, exceeds six dollars per member.

Young People's and Missionary Societies have been actively and efficiently at work in a large part of the Synod and the interest in this branch of the work is growing.

The orphans in our excellent Home, at Butler, have been cared for with the same fidelity and devotion which have characterized the management of that institution in the past.

These are all things to call for special thankfulness to the Lord, whose watchful care and quickening spirit have brought them to pass.

A tone of general hopefulness for still greater progress in the future also pervades all the reports placed in our hands.

We devoutly pray that all may be more than realized in the coming year.

It was the exceptional privilege of the venerable Rev. Benj. Knepper, who has been a member of this Synod during all of its history, to complete a full fifty years' active service in the Gospel ministry during the past year, and from which he has now retired, to spend his remaining pilgrimage on earth in well-earned rest.

This happy event was duly acknowledged and commemorated by the Somerset Classis, in whose bounds he labored almost exclusively during all of this long period.

We deem it fitting a reference should be made to this event in this way by your reverend body, of which Father Knepper has been so long an honored member, and that Synod should invoke the prayers of its members on his behalf, that the grace and peace of God may continue to attend him until he shall be called to enter into the full joys of our Lord.

And now, unto Him who hath washed us in His own blood and made us to be kings and priests unto our God, be glory forever. *Amen.* Respectfully submitted,

D. H. LEADER,	H. I. CROW,
D. A. SOUDERS,	C. T. BAKER,
	THOMAS ARMIGOST.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Report of the Board of Visitors.

The report of the Board of Visitors was read on Thursday, and was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the following as the annual report of the Theological Seminary for the year 1895-1896:

1. In September, 1895, the Seminary began its work for the year with thanksgivings and rejoicings, in the new building erected on its own ground. It had been carried forward previously for 23 years in inadequate quarters in the college building; and its occupancy of a new structure of its own, which is all that could be desired, presents a marked contrast, for which the Church at large should be truly thankful to Almighty God, who has thus blessed our School of the Prophets.

2. The following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class* in September, 1895: Albert Orlando Bartholomew, Sutton W. Fetterhoff, Hugh Kerr Fulton, Paul Lambert Gerhard, Edwin Mittman Hartman, George W. Hartman, Thaddeus G. Helm, Paul S. Leinbach, Gustav R. Proctter, Ward W. Reese, Calvin J. Rhen, Morris E. Schadt, Daniel E. Schaeffer, Frederick Curtis Seitz, George C. Shaw, William D. Stoyer, and Victor J. Lingler, 17 in all; of this number 10 were graduates of F. & M. College; one of John Hopkins University; one of Muhlenberg College; one from Ursinus College; one of Thiel College; one of Calvin College; one of Harvard University, and one was admitted from F. M. Academy. During the winter Mr. Shaw was overtaken with a serious illness, and in the providence of God was removed to a better country. He was an earnest and faithful Christian, a diligent student, and one of the most proficient in his class.

3. The *Middle Class* consisted of the persons admitted to the Junior Class in 1894, with the exception of Nace, and Plank, who did not return during the year; but two new students came on, took their places; Conrad A. Houser, a graduate of John Hopkins, and the Rev. Charles F. McMann, a minister of the Baptist Church. Total, 29.

4. The *Senior Class* consisted of the following members: Joseph P. Bachman, Benoni Bates, J. Calvin Bolger, John W. Buck, William E. Bushong, Moses N. George, Frederick C. Hüllhorst, Edward O. Keen, Harry M. Klein, Edwin H. Lanbach, D. Elmer Master, Frank H. Moyer, Jacob G. Rupp, Charles D. Shaffer, Adam P. Stover, Jacob N. Wagenhurst, Charles E. Wagner, Ernest E. Weaver, and David J. Wolf; total, 19. Having pursued the course prescribed in the Seminary, the members of this class received the usual *Testimonials* at the anniversary of the Seminary, in May. The number of students during the year was 74; during the previous year it was 68.

5. As regards the moral and Christian conduct of the students, their application to study and their readiness to engage in the practical work of the Church, there is nothing to be said, "in the opinion of the Faculty," but what is commendable. If there is any difference, the average standing of the student body as to scholarship and Christian character was rather higher than that of some previous years. Their average grades for scholarship were encouraging.

6. The instruction in elocution during the year has been satisfactory. According to the report of the Faculty, "Miss Morgan has rendered better satisfaction to her classes than any male teacher we have been able to engage." She, however, has declined to serve during the coming year, and no arrangement has been made to fill her place.

7. As a Board, we have endeavored to discharge our responsible duties, and it is our privilege once more to report that the Seminary, under the divine care, continues to be in a prosperous condition, furnishing more laborers for the moral harvests of the world. To the Father in Heaven be all the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

LANCASTER, PA.

II.—Report of the Board of Trustees.

Under items 5, 12 and 18 of the Standing Committee on Overtures on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning were read the report of the Board of Visitors, report of the Committee on selection of site and construction of building for Potomac Synod's professor, together with the report of the Board of Trustees, and a synopsis of the Treasurer's report, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held two special and two regular meetings. The special meetings were held Nov. 19th, 1895, and Dec. 3d, 1895, to take action in reference to the erection of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor. As the Seminary grounds were not considered suitable for the erection of the house, the Building Committee suggested the purchase of a lot of ground on James street, from Professor Theodore Appel. No final action was then taken.

The regular annual meeting was held on May 14th, 1896, when the following officers were elected: President, George N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess, and Treasurer, John B. Roth. At this meeting a committee was appointed to purchase the lot above referred to, at \$50 per foot.

The regular fall meeting of the Board was held in the Seminary building, on October 6th, 1896, at which meeting the committee, appointed in May, reported that in accordance with the instruction of the Board they had purchased a lot from Prof. Theodore Appel, containing a front of 50 feet on James street, at \$50 per foot (\$2,500), whereupon the Board passed the following preambles and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees found it necessary to secure additional ground for the erection of a professor's house at a cost \$2,500, and

WHEREAS, \$1,250 has only been secured for that purpose by the personal subscription of individual members of the Board, and a further sum of \$1,250 will be needed to pay for the property, therefore,

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to assume the balance (viz., \$1,250), and provide funds for the payment of the same.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in its report of 1894, requested the Synods to provide such an increase of the endowment fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising, and

WHEREAS, The Synods were then requested to assume *annual apportionments* for an adequate amount until sufficient revenues be obtained from other sources, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate \$1,200 to meet the annual expenses of the present year, in the following manner:

Eastern Synod	\$600
Potomac Synod	400
Pittsburg Synod	200

The following minute was adopted, in reference to the death of Daniel W. Gross, a former member of the Board:

"It has become the sad duty of the Board of Trustees to make a record of the departure of one who was for a long time a distinguished and influential member of our body, Daniel W. Gross, of Harrisburg, Pa. For twenty-five years and upwards he was our efficient and honored presiding officer. Only when the increasing infirmities of advancing age demanded it, were the Eastern Synod and the Board willing to yield to his persistent request to be relieved of the responsibilities of his official trust.

"Mr. Gross was a devoted member of the Reformed Church, a warm and faithful friend of the Theological Seminary and of Franklin and Marshall College, a wise, steady and liberal supporter of every measure adopted to promote the growth of these institutions. He was not only a faithful friend, but he was no less a judicious counsellor, whose judgment in practical affairs commanded the respect of all who were associated with him.

"Whilst we lament his departure and keenly feel the loss which this Board and the Church militant have sustained, we are profoundly grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for the long life and noble services of such a man of faith; and we rejoice in the testimony to the virtue of Christian truth, which by his fidelity and the consistency of his character he has bequeathed to us."

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,

Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, October 7th, 1896.

III.—Report of the Committee on Selection of Sites.

The committee appointed to select a site and superintend the construction of a building for the Potomac Synod's professor in the Theological Seminary, is composed of the following representatives:

Eastern Synod, John D. Skiles, Jacob B. Fricker; *Pittsburgh Synod*, B. Wolf, jr.; *Potomac Synod*, Geo. N. Forney, S. U. Hench, J. C. Bowman.

The committee was organized by the election of Mr. Skiles as president and Prof. Bowman as secretary and treasurer.

Four meetings were held jointly by the committee and the Trustees of the Seminary, at which the matter of selecting a site was carefully considered.

The committee and the Board were unanimous in the judgment that neither the old ground, nor that adjoining the new buildings, should be used as a site for a professor's house, unless desirable ground in the neighborhood could not be secured.

The effort to secure additional ground resulted in the pur-

chase which has been reported to you by the Board of Trustees.

Should the Synods confirm the purchase of the new ground, it is the purpose of your committee to begin the work of building as soon as a suitable plan, with specifications, can be secured.

In order to pay for the entire cost of construction, your committee recommend the following plan, viz:

(1) That the Board of Trustees be authorized to effect a loan by issuing a mortgage or mortgage bonds for whatever indebtedness may not be provided for through the efforts of the Building Committee.

(2) That the Potomac Synod's professor pay annually to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees the total amount of interest upon the loan, until the indebtedness be removed, or until other means be devised for the payment of the interest.

IV.—Treasurer's Report.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Endowment Fund.

1896.
Oct. 1. Amount of Endowment Fund..... \$94,418.69

1896
Oct. DR.
CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.
1 To sundry incomes and interests received from
October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896..... \$6,331.61

CR.
By salary accounts and sundry bills paid as per
vouchers from October 1, 1895, to October 1,
1896 7,075.81
Balance due Treasurer October 1, 1895..... 2,328.12
\$9,403.93
1896. By amount Dr. brought down..... 6,331.61

Oct. 1. Amount balance due Treasurer..... \$3,072.32

Library Fund.

Principal \$1,819.96

DR.
Received interest on fund to October 1, 1896.. \$65.99
Received balance due to Oct. 1, 1895..... 202.22

\$268.21

CR.
By sundry bills paid to date..... \$161.10
Oct. 1. Balance due fund..... \$107.11

The William A. Wilt Fund.

Oct. 1. Principal \$833.33
Interest on this fund accounted for in the current expenses account of seminary.

1896.

Smalta Fund.

Oct.	1. Principal	\$5,000.00
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Dr.

Oct.	1. Interest received on same to October 1, 1896..	\$250.00
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Cr.

Oct.	1. By cash account Treasurer of Beneficiary Board of Education.....	\$250.00
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1896.

Pittsburg Professorship Fund.

Oct.	1. Amount of principal in hands of Treasurer of Theological Seminary	\$16,823.19
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Oct.	1. Received bond of Second Church, of Greensburg	6,000.00
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Oct.	1. Received Thomas Donohoe note.....	2,000.00
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\$24,823.19

1896.

March 26.	Received legacy of Susanna Weyandt, per Michael Bortz, executor of.....	\$653.00
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and said sum paid to W. R. Barnhart for investment, per his receipt to John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Dr.

	To sundry interest received on said fund from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.....	\$1,471.16
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1896.

Oct.	1. By cash paid Wm. Rupp, D. D., Pittsburg Synod's Professor	\$1,471.16
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Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

1896.

	Principal	\$2,000.75
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Dr.

May	To balance due fund October 1, 1895	\$69.95	
	1. Interest on same to date.....	50.00	\$119.95

Cr.

May	9. By prize paid H. M. J. Kline per award of committee.....	\$100.00	
May	9. Sundry expenses paid.....	2.00	102.00

Oct.	1. Due fund	\$17.95
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Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1895.

Oct.	1. For amount principal.....	\$239.00
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1896.

May	8. For additional principal received of W. M. Irvine.....	68.12	\$307.12
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DR.

1895.			
Oct.	1. To balance due fund.....	.16	
Oct.	1. To interest due to October 1, 1895..	4.98	
1896.			
May	8. Interest due to May 1, 1896.....	5.98	
May	8. Cash received of W. M. Irvine.....	3.88	15.00

CR.

May	8. By prize paid A. O. Reiter, per award of committee		\$15.00
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Seminary Building Fund.

DR.

1895.			
Oct.	1. To balance in hands of Treasurer	\$51.47	
1896.			
Jany.	11. To cash received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	1,063.98	
March	6. To cash received of John J. Nissley,	748.53	\$1,863.98

CR.

Jany.	11. By sundry bills paid.....	\$63.98	
	By amount paid on account of Wolff Property bo't by Seminary.....	1,000.00	
March	6. By property bo't by Seminary....	800.00	\$1,863.98

The Jacob Forney Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	1. For Alcove in Theological Seminary Library building		\$1,000.00
Oct.	1. By interest due on same to October 1, 1895	\$50.00	
Oct.	1. By interest due on same to October 1, 1896	50.00	\$100.00

1896.

The Henry Wirt Fund.

For Alcove in Seminary Library.....	\$1,000.00
By interest on same to October 1, 1896.....	50.00

The J. C. Bowman Trust Fund (Alcove).

1896.			
Oct.	1. Principal	\$750.00	
	By interest due on same to October 1, 1896....	35.00	

Theological Seminary Class of 1894 Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	1. (For Alcove)— Sundry obligations in hands of Treasurer amounting to		\$981.00

CR.

Oct.	1. By cash paid on same to October 1, 1896....	\$129.00	
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The John Heigel Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	1. Principal		\$15,680.00
	Cr.		
	By note on account due July 20,		
	1895	\$3,920.00	
	By note on account due July 20,		
	1896	3,920.00	\$7,840.00

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we attended to the duty assigned us and we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JACOB H. STEIN,
Committee.

Lancaster, October 2, 1896.

Itemized Statement of Seminary Aid Fund.

Received by Treasurer from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.

1895.			
Oct.	5. Of W. Susquehanna Classis for Elocution....	\$6.00	
Oct.	8. " Lehigh Classis, per John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Seminary expenses.....	37.00	
Oct.	16. Of Synod of the Potomac Elocution.....	75.00	
Dec.	9. " Zion's Classis' Seminary ex- penses	\$15.00	
Dec.	9. Of Zion's Classis' Elocution	5 34	\$20.34
Dec.	17. Of Lebanon Classis' Elocution.....		\$14.00
1896.			
May	2. Of E. Pennsylvania Classis' Elocution.....	10.00	
May	4. Of Zion's Classis' Elocution.....	\$1.62	
May	4. Of Zion's Classis' Seminary ex- penses	8.23	\$9.85
May	5. Of E. Susquehanna Classis' Elocu- tion	\$4.35	
May	5. Of East Susquehanna Classis' Semi- nary expenses	25.25	\$29.60
May	5. Of Goshenhoppen Classis' Elocu- tion	\$6.75	
May	5. Of Goshenhoppen Classis' Seminary expenses	41.00	\$47.75
May	6. Of W. Susquehanna Classis' Seminary expenses	21.00	
May	8. Of Pittsburgh Synod Elocution.....	75.00	
May	8. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod Elocution	\$13.00	
May	8. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Seminary expenses.....	49.00	\$62.00
May	19. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Seminary expenses.....	\$15.00	
May	19. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Elocution	21.00	\$36.00

May	23.	Of Pittsburg Synod Seminary expenses.....	100.00
July	22.	Of Potomac Synod Seminary ex- penses	\$91.81
July	22.	Of Potomac Synod Elocution.....	75.00
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Sept.	25.	Of Tohickon Classis' Elocution.....	9.00
Sept.	29.	Of Schuylkill Classis paid by the Treasurer of Reading Classis for Seminary expenses....	36.00
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			\$755.35

Charged to Treasurer in the Current expense account
of Theological Seminary, September 30, 1896.

V.—Communication from the Eastern Synod.

Under item 24 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, Monday, was read a communication from the Eastern Synod. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

In accordance with the instructions this day given me by the Eastern Synod, now in session in Christ Reformed church, Bethlehem, Pa., I herewith communicate to your Reverend Body the following copy of the action taken by the Eastern Synod on the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary and F. & M. College:

Resolved 1. That the thanks of this Synod are hereby extended to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for their generous donation toward the payment of a lot for the erection of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor.

Resolved, 2. That the Board of Trustees be authorized by this Synod (the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synod concurring) to purchase two additional lots of ground, the cost of each lot not to exceed \$2,500, the one lot to be held as a site for the house of the Pittsburgh Synod's professor, and the second lot as a site for the house of the third professor of the Eastern Synod.

Resolved, 3. That the Trustees be and hereby are empowered to effect a loan of \$6,250 for the payment of the \$1,250 not provided for of the cost of the lot for the Potomac Synod's professor's house, and for the payment of the two lots mentioned above, and that the three Synods assume and pay the interest annually in the following order until arrangements can be made for the payment of the principal:

Eastern Synod	\$185
Pittsburgh Synod	65
Potomac Synod	125

Resolved, 4. That this action be laid before the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, with the hope that they will give it their approval.

Resolved, 5. That this Synod hereby confirms the purchase of the lot selected by the Board of Trustees for the house of the professor of the Potomac Synod.

Resolved, 6. That the Board of Trustees be authorized to effect a loan by issuing a mortgage or mortgage bonds for whatever indebtedness is not provided for through the efforts of the Building Committee in erecting a house for the professor of the Potomac Synod.

Resolved, 7. That the Potomac Synod's professor pay annually to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees the total amount of interest upon the loan until the indebtedness be removed, or until other means be devised for the payment of the interest.

Yours fraternally,

D. E. SCHOEDLER,

Cor. Sec.

BETHLEHEM, PA., Oct. 9th, 1896.

VI.—Report of the Endowment Committee.

On Monday morning the following report was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Not much has been done in advancement of the cause committed to this committee since the last annual meeting of your reverend body. And, as a consequence, something still remains to be done; and this in three ways: (1) There are a number of congregations and some whole charges that have not been canvassed; (2) There are at least \$2,500 of unpaid pledges, besides the Byer's note, outstanding; (3) The amount the committee was directed to collect has not been entirely secured. Only two congregations were canvassed during the year, viz: Grace and St. Mark's, Pittsburgh. A subscription of \$1,500 was secured, besides nearly \$500 in cash. A legacy of \$653 also came into the hands of the committee a short time ago. Some efforts were made to collect outstanding pledges, but with no very encouraging results. Altogether \$1,693.70 were collected during the year. And the whole sum in the hands of the treasurer for investment now is \$29,079.20. The treasurer of the endowment fund, elected by your committee by direction of Synod, has passed the funds held by him into the hands of the Board of Trustees and the security has been released. As money comes in it is still, however, passed to Treasurer W. R. Barnhart, who forwards it to Treasurer John B. Roth, at Lancaster. Mr. Roth has continued a number of the investments made by Mr. Barnhart in this part of the State. In doing this he has acted upon the suggestion of this Synod, and by the advice of W. R. Barnhart as a member of the Board of Trustees. The other members of the Board from this Synod were also consulted, but as they had no personal knowledge of the parties to whom

loans were made, they felt that they were not in a position to give advice. The Synod should understand that Mr. Barnhart was acting for Mr. Roth in this case, and as a Trustee, and in no sense as a member or representative of the Endowment Committee. This committee has never been charged with any responsibility as regards the investment of the funds.

We would suggest the continuation of the committee or the appointment of a new committee, which would probably be better, with instruction to press the work to as speedy completion as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,

S. T. WAGNER,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,

THOS. S. LAND,

W. R. BARNHART,

VII.—Boards as Now Constituted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. OCTOBER, 1896.

EASTERN SYNOD—*For six years*: George G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa.; Hon. Jeremiah S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa. *For four years*: J. Y. Dietz, Philadelphia, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa. *For two years*: John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; Martin J. Reigel, Easton, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD—*For six years*: Israel Loucks, York, Pa.; S. Nevin Hensch, York, Pa. *For four years*: George N. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; Edgar Slagel, Hanover, Pa. *For two years*: H. W. Schriver, Union Mills, Md.; Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Md.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD—*For five years*: W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa. *For three years*: C. W. Truxal, Myersdale, Pa. *For one year*: P. Keil, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BOARD OF VISITORS. OCTOBER, 1896.

EASTERN SYNOD—*For four years*: Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, D.D., Annville, Pa.; Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D., Easton, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD—*For four years*: Rev. E. R. Eschbaugh, D.D., Frederick, Md.; J. O. Miller, D.D., York Pa. *For two years*: Rev. J. Spangler Keiffer, D.D., Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D., Baltimore, Md.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD—*For three years*: Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Greensburg, Pa. *For one year*: Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., Myersdale, Pa.

VIII.—Report of the Standing Committee of Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary reported on Monday afternoon. The report was considered by items.

Items 1, 2, 5 and 6 were severally adopted. Items 3 and 4 were amended and the amounts referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. The report, as amended, was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Theological Seminary begs leave to submit the following report:

The following papers were referred to us:

1. Report of the Board of Visitors.
2. Synopsis of the audited report of the Treasurer.
3. Report of the Board of Trustees.
4. Report of the Committee on selection of site and construction of building for Potomac Synod's professor.
5. A communication concerning the action of the Eastern Synod with regard to the purchase of lots upon which to erect professors' houses.
6. Report of the Endowment Committee.

We propose the following for adoption:

1. That these papers be printed in our minutes as usual.
2. That we rejoice in the prosperity and efficiency of the Seminary, as reported to us by the Secretary of the Board of Visitors.
3. That we recommend the apportionment of \$200 for the current expenses of the Theological Seminary and that the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay one hundred dollars of this sum to the Treasurer of the Seminary and the other one hundred dollars to our Professor, Dr. Wm. Rupp, to meet the contingent expenses which must be incurred by him.
4. *Resolved*, That this Synod does not accede to the request of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and join Eastern and Potomac Synods in assuming our portion of the balance (viz., \$1,250) remaining unpaid on Potomac Synod's lot.
5. That respecting the communication from the Eastern Synod as given above, *Resolved*, that in view of the uncertainty as to when this Synod will be able to erect a professor's house, and the lack of any definite plan existing between the three Synods as to the erection of such houses, we decline to join in the proposed arrangement.
6. *Resolved*, That the Endowment Committee be continued, and that the President appoint a successor to Rev. A. M. Schmidt, resigned. The Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., was appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. GASS,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

F. J. E. MUEHE,

I. D. ZIMMERMAN,

DAVID BOYER.

IX.—Report of the Committee on Selecting Sites.

On Friday afternoon, under the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, item 5, the following report was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee appointed one year ago to act in conjunction with similar committees of the Eastern and Potomac Synods in selecting sites for professors' houses, at Lancaster, Pa., would respectfully report that, having never been informed of the appointment of such committees by the other two Synods, nothing has been done in the matter for which your committee was appointed. As the subject of professors' houses will come before Synod in another form, we do not deem it necessary to add anything further to the report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RUPP.

ARTICLE XIV.**MISSIONS.****I.—Report of the Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions.**

The Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions reported on Friday forenoon. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board held two meetings during the year, the first at Butler, at the time of the last meeting of Synod, and the second at Latrobe, at the time of the present meeting of Synod. We learn from information sent us by the missionaries of our Synod that our missions enjoy peace, prosperity and progress. There was, therefore, nothing special claiming our attention. There are several new mission points in our Synod, but as these were referred to General Synod's Board, either by members of Synod or by action of Classis within whose bounds they are situated, your Board was not called upon to take any action.

Among these Punxsutawney has been made a mission by reconstruction of charges, and was, by the advice of a member of your body, referred to the General Board for support.

The location of a mission at Vandergrift was considered by Westmoreland Classis and referred to the General Board for approval.

Duquesne was referred to the same Board by the missionary at McKeesport. As a Board, we had no information concerning these points.

Your Board purpose, during the coming year, holding quarterly meetings, preceding the quarterly meeting of the Execu-

tive Committee of General Synod's Board of Missions, of which meetings the Stated Clerks of the several Classes shall be informed, and it is requested that any matters pertaining to missions within our bounds be brought to the attention of our Board at these meetings.

The term of Elder J. M. Conroy as a member of the Board expires at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS,
Pres. of the Board.

II.—Report of the Superintendent of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

The report was received on Friday morning and was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the Synods:

BRETHREN:—The Triennial Report of the Board, to the General Synod, at its meeting in May last, brought the operations of the Board to the notice of the Church, up to that date. Nearly twenty thousand copies of that report were distributed among the pastors and members of the Church. It has not been deemed necessary, therefore, to offer any very extended report to the Synods, at their annual meetings, this fall. This report is of a general character, so far as the work of the Board is concerned, but somewhat specific in calling attention to the recommendations and apportionments made by the General Synod.

The work has moved along prosperously during the year. So far as the work done by missionaries is concerned, no previous year has witnessed more faithful service, while the missions have not, in any previous year, made more substantial progress.

The Board has been, at different times during the year, very much embarrassed because of the lack of funds. This was caused, doubtless, by the stringency of the times. When the General Synod met in May, the indebtedness of the Board had been entirely met and about \$1,000 remained in the treasury. However, when the Executive Committee met in July last, there was lacking the sum of nearly \$6,000, and the Board was compelled to borrow \$5,000. On September first, when this report was prepared, the indebtedness had advanced considerably beyond the amount borrowed by the Board. This may be accounted for, not only because of the hard times, but also because of the fact that during the summer months many of the pastors are absent from their charges, and the missionary money is not punctually collected and forwarded.

The Board, however, earnestly requests of the Synods that

efforts be put forth to gather the apportionments so that it may not be embarrassed, and the work made to suffer because of the lack of funds.

The funds fell short, by a considerable amount, of what was voted by the Synods last year. This shortage necessitated the Board to limit its operations somewhat, so as to remain within the bounds of the amount actually furnished.

Notwithstanding these embarrassments, the Board gives thanks to the Head of the Church for the measure of success that has attended its operations. The Church can justly congratulate herself upon the comparatively rapid extension of her borders during these stringent times, and for the splendid outlook for her future.

At no time, for years past, were the missions so universally supplied with pastors as at this present time. This indicates a readiness and willingness on the part of the ministry to enter the mission fields. The young men of the ministry have been more ready to do missionary work than formerly. These are some of the encouraging signs of the work.

THE MISSIONS.

On April 1, 1896, there were *one hundred and one* missions on the roll of the Board, including three that became self-sustaining on that date. The three were Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Altoona and Chambersburg, Pa. At the meeting of the Executive Committee in July, three additional missions were enrolled, namely, the Bohemian mission in Chicago, the German-English mission in Canton, Ohio, and an additional Hungarian mission to embrace the cities of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton. It will be noticed that the Board now has on its roll just *one hundred and one* missions, the same as last year.

For the English missions, the Board last year asked, and the Synods voted, the sum of \$40,000. The actual amount needed to meet the liabilities of the Board was about \$38,000. Not more than \$34,000 came to the Board from the apportionments, but including what the women of the Church gave for the home work and additional funds that were given by individuals, the sum of \$38,000 was received.

There are, however, many calls coming to the Board which cannot be answered. Many good openings present themselves which, for the present, cannot be taken up. The Board endeavors to encourage the people to wait until such time in the near future, when it may be enabled to answer their call. The work could and should be greatly extended and the Church would do well to put forth her best efforts towards the expansion of her territory, when the leadings of Providence are so manifestly in that direction.

The General Synod, recognizing these numerous calls, made provision for the extension of the work by appropriating \$45,-

000 for the English missions alone. This is \$5,000 more than had ever been appopriated for these missions, and will enable the Board to do additional work, provided the money is promptly paid over.

The General Synod apportioned this sum upon the Synods as follows:

Eastern Synod	\$25,400
Potomac Synod	9,400
Ohio Synod	5,500
Pittsburgh Synod.....	4,100
Interior Synod	600
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Total	\$45,000

It will be noticed that this apportionment is somewhat different from that made in former years by the Board, but as the per capita is nearly equal throughout the Synods, it is just and right. We would therefore call the attention of the Synods to this apportionment.

HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN WORK.

The Hungarian work continues to prosper. The Hungarian pastors are an earnest and faithful set of missionaries. They continue to point out to the Board, openings for additional work among their brethren. There are now *six* of these missionaries, and a new field has been arranged for, as already stated, with Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton as centers. Rev. Alex. Kalassay, now of Mt. Carmel, takes charge of the new field. An additional missionary will be called from Hungary to take charge at Mt. Carmel, who can use the Slavic dialect readily, as many of the members at Mt. Carmel are Slavs. Upon the whole, our Hungarian work has prospered, and the outlook for the future is very hopeful.

As to the opening of the Bohemian Mission in Chicago, the Board had intended that this should take place about September first. Some of those at the head of this movement, however, urged upon Rev. Charles V. Molnar, the missionary, to commence the work at an earlier date. He, therefore, began his labors among his people on July 15th, and on August 2d preached his first sermon in Rev. Heineman's church. At the first service there were *thirty-nine* Bohemians present. The services since that time have been even more largely attended, and Brother Molnar, while he thinks the work will be most arduous, is very greatly encouraged so far, and is very hopeful for the future.

The General Synod designated the sum of \$6,000 for the combined Hungarian and Bohemian work. The Synod furthermore apportioned this amount upon all the Synods.

The apportionment is as follows:

Eastern Synod	\$2,590
Potomac Synod	1,840
Ohio Synod	550
Synod of the Northwest.....	550
Pittsburg Synod	450
Central Synod	550
German Synod of the East.....	370
Interior Synod	100
Total	<u>\$6,000</u>

GERMAN WORK.

The General Synod, in its wisdom, determined that more work should be done among the Germans, especially among them as they are found in the large cities of the land. So far, the missions of the German Boards are largely found in the large cities. This is especially true of their western missions. A very large proportion of the German immigrants settle in the cities. This fact makes it necessary that much of the German mission work should be done in the cities. For this reason the General Synod ordered that the sum of \$6,000 should be apportioned upon the Synods, over and above all other apportionments, for the purpose of city work among the Germans, and that this money shall be paid into the treasury of the General Board, as this additional work is to be carried forward by the General Board. This is not to interfere in any way with the work now being done by the Boards of the German Synods. Indeed, by the discussion on the floor of General Synod, we would infer that it is to be done largely by the advice of the German Boards, they to point out the suitable openings. Every one, be he English or German, must see the importance of this action. We are losing much, as a Church, by not caring for the immigrants who rightfully belong to our Church. The future should see much more work done among the Germans than the past has, and, if this is done, it will greatly increase the Church in our land. We should learn a lesson from sister denominations, who, while they have no special claims upon the Germans, are nevertheless putting forth strong efforts to organize missions among them. This action of General Synod should not become a dead letter among us, but the apportionment should be promptly paid by all the Synods, German as well as English, and the money transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Board, so that the work can be entered upon with that life and enthusiasm which it deserves. We, therefore, recommend the following apportionment upon the Synods for this work in accordance with the action of General Synod:

Eastern Synod	\$2,400
Potomac Synod	1,000
Ohio Synod	700
Synod of the Northwest.....	600

Pittsburgh Synod	500
Central Synod	400
German Synod of the East.....	300
Interior Synod	100
Total	<u>\$6,000</u>

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Rev. Paul Sommerlatte still continues in charge of this important mission. He regularly, every quarter, renders a report to the General Board, from which we learn that the work is prospering, and that much assistance is rendered to immigrants that arrive at the harbor of New York. Not only does he direct them to their future homes in this Western land, but it frequently devolves upon him to protect these people from the land-sharks that infest that port, and who otherwise would rob them of all their belongings. The mission itself is a blessing to the immigrants and the missionary seems to be the right man in the right place. The General Synod, at its late meeting, recommended that the sum of \$3,000 be set apart for this work for the next three years. This is \$1,000 per annum. This amount pays the salary of the missionary only, the Eastern German Synod raising additional money, for clerk hire, etc. The Board recommends the following apportionments for this cause for the next year:

Eastern Synod	\$400
Potomac Synod	200
Ohio Synod	120
Synod of the Northwest.....	100
Pittsburgh Synod	90
Central Synod	70
German Synod of the East.....	60
Interior Synod	25
Total	<u>\$1,065</u>

This gives a little surplus on the apportionment to make up any possible deficiency that may occur, in any Synod. It is a sad commentary upon our liberality when we state the fact that for the year ending March 31, 1896, not sufficient money was received from the whole Church to pay the salary of the missionary, and the Board was compelled to take other funds to make up the deficiency. We would suggest to the Synods the propriety of at once paying the sums apportioned upon them out of the contingent funds.

The trouble, we believe, has been that, as this apportionment is so small, it is often forgotten and perhaps lost among the other larger apportionments.

THE CHICAGO INTERESTS.

The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, authorized the Superintendent to call the special attention of the Synods to the English mission in Chicago. That mission is now en-

gaged in the erection of its church building. Two years ago the Synods took action pledging a certain amount of support to the erection of this building, whenever its erection should be undertaken.

The church is now being built and will be finished, according to contract, about the latter part of November next. In order to do this, the Church must furnish the promised means.

The Board is very solicitous about this mission. It is our first effort to establish an English mission in that great city. On this account the Board wishes it to be a success especially.

Then, too, Chicago is somewhat of a central point between the East and West for our Church. The Church is much stronger both east and west of Chicago, than in the immediate vicinity of the city. Several good, strong missions in that city would be a connecting link between the two sections of the Church.

But the main reason why the Church should be deeply interested in this mission lies in the fact that Chicago is important missionary ground and this first English effort, on our part, will be only the beginning of still more important missionary operations in that city in the future.

The Board therefore asks most earnestly of the Synods, that they take such action as in their wisdom they may deem best, in order that the mission may receive the money promised it, no later than December 1, 1896.

If this is done, its success is almost assured.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board, as in other years, had much to do along the line of Church Extension. The new city missions, of which we have many, need to purchase lots, and also need church buildings. Usually the missions cannot procure these without help from the Church at large. Without these necessary things success is almost impossible.

The Board has been compelled to carry forward the work, notwithstanding the lack of means. It was under the necessity of borrowing money, and at the present time it is burdened with a debt of \$16,000 and over. It was a question of borrowing this money or abandoning some of the city missions. Precious time has been lost, and indeed, money uselessly squandered, simply from the fact that some of the city missions have not been properly equipped with the necessary means for their growth. The Church must help the city missions to procure lots and church buildings. Without these their growth is impossible. The Board, however, in every instance arranges for the refunding of the money just as soon as the missions are able to do so. *The Board, therefore, earnestly requests of the English Synods that they apportion an average of six cents per member for the cause of Church Extension for the ensuing year.*

THE SCHLATTER FUND.

The Board, at its annual meeting in Greensburg, Pa., in April last, in view of the great importance of the extension work, took action, asking of the General Synod the sum of \$100,000 for the Church Extension work. This sum was not deemed any too large for the demands of the work. The work is growing at such a rapid rate that a sum so large is necessary.

The General Synod took favorable action on the request of the Board. The \$100,000 were voted unanimously. Of course the Board is aware of the fact that this action on the part of the General Synod, does not give it the money, but it opens the way for such action on the part of the District Synods and Board, as to make the accumulation of the fund possible.

The Synod furthermore took action, recommending the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Michael Schlatter's missionary tours in this country, during 1897. It recommends the accumulation of funds for the Church Extension work, and the funds so gathered shall be put into one fund to be known as the Michael Schlatter Church Extension Fund. In other words, the \$100,000 fund is to be named the Michael Schlatter Fund.

The Board is exceedingly anxious that the \$100,000 so named shall be gathered as rapidly as possible. The time for its accumulation is five years. The Board requests of the Synods that they take such action as in their wisdom may be deemed best for the accumulation of this fund. The help of the Synods and the Classes is solicited in behalf of this very important department of missionary work. Today there is nothing so much needed in our missionary operations as a strong Extension Fund.

With this short statement of the Board's work during the year; with the further statement of what it hopes to do in the future for the advancement of the Church, and invoking God's richest blessing upon all the operations of the Church, we submit this report.

Respectfully,
D. S. FOUSE,
Missionary Superintendent.

III.—Communication from the Board of Home Missions Regarding the Chicago Mission.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, at its meeting in Pittsburgh, took action, urgently requesting the Synods to pay to the Chicago English Mission the unpaid portion of the amounts pledged for the erection of the chapel or church, and directed the Superintendent to present the matter before the Synods. The amount from this Synod is about \$300.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. FOUSE,
Missionary Superintendent.

IV.—The Michael Schlatter \$100,000 Memorial Fund.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

WHEREAS, The General Synod, at its meeting in Dayton, Ohio, voted an appropriation of \$100,000 for the extension work of the Church, the same to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund, and

WHEREAS, This matter has been referred to this Board to devise ways and means to establish said fund; and,

WHEREAS, It is exceedingly important that this work should be inaugurated as quickly as possible, therefore, be it

Resolved, (1) That the importance of establishing this fund at once, be brought before the Synods for immediate favorable action, and that the Synods be requested to commend this worthy object to their congregations, asking that in every way possible, funds be raised for this important work.

Resolved, (2) That the three Superintendents, each in his own territory, make such arrangements and devise such plans as may seem best, in order to reach all the pastors and the charges, and present to them the claims of this much needed fund.

Resolved, (3) That the Superintendent be especially directed to seek out persons who are able and have them endow funds of \$500 or more, or, where it can be done, have a number of persons combine in the endowment of such funds.

Resolved. (4) That as the need of these funds is very urgent, the Superintendents be directed to push their accumulation with all possible vigor.

The Board furthermore recommends the following program for the sesqui-centennial celebration of Michael Schlatter's missionary tours, or such adaptation of it as may be practicable, during 1897, this program to be used in congregational and Classical conventions:

I. Address of welcome.

II. History of the Reformed Church and its extension in America.

III. Life and labors of Michael Schlatter.

IV. Characteristics of the Germans and their relation to the Reformed Church in the United States.

V. Local History.

VI. Pastoral reminiscences.

VII. The present condition and future prospects of the Reformed Church in this country.

VIII. The imperative need of a large available Church Building Fund, with which to aid in securing proper locations in our large and growing cities.

The last subject should be followed by a challenge for Church Building Funds, or generous contributions for the object.

Official action of Board, at its meeting, at Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 7th, 1896.

D. S. FOUSE,

Missionary Superintendent.

V.—Action of the Mission Board Regarding a Deficiency of \$11,000.

WHEREAS, This Board finds a deficiency in its treasury of over \$11,000, it is hereby

Resolved, That the officers and the superintendents are instructed, by personal presentation to the judicatories of the Church and by appeals to the Church at large, through the Church papers, urge immediate action by the authorities of the Church and the duty of the membership of the Church to come to the relief of the Board, that threatening disaster may be avoided, and hereafter to regulate the contributions for this cause to come in regular quarterly payments.

Official action of the Board of Missions.

D. S. FOUSE,

Missionary Superintendent.

VI.—Communication from the Secretary of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

Under item 11 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, the report of the Board was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully beg leave to present to your reverend body, its usual annual statement of the condition and prospects of its work in the Empire of Japan. It is happy in being able to say that the favorable aspect of affairs as resulting from the late war with China, in the abatement of the hostile feeling towards foreigners, and the emergence of a more tolerant sentiment in relation to Christianity, has grown more pronounced during the last year. The favorable provisions of the revised treaties, which, however, do not go into effect until 1899, are to a considerable extent discounted, and missionaries are allowed privileges of travel, etc., which a rigid exaction of existing laws would prohibit. The unswerving patriotism of the Christian soldiers, the manifold activities in works of charity and humanity displayed by the missionaries and native Christians, called into illustration by the war, have served as a challenge, and have begotten a spirit of thoughtful consideration among the people, which is securing a less prejudiced estimate

of the claims of our holy religion. A change in this respect is discernable among the middle and upper classes, and the preached Gospel is given a wider hearing.

On the other hand, an evil effect of the war and its excitements, was to divert the attention of many professing Christians from their religion, and not a few have turned aside. So that the churches purging their rolls, find their numbers no greater than they were before the war, while the accessions of new converts have not materially abated. The assurance in the case, however, is that the present membership is made up of tried and approved material. The winnowing has consequently resulted in no considerable diminution of numbers.

Our schools are in a healthy and vigorous condition. The number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin has, to a slight degree, felt the effects of the competition of the Government schools which are of a high order. But the number of candidates for the ministry has not decreased, notwithstanding the yearly outgoing of the graduating classes. This last year four have graduated from the Theological Department. The Girls' School continues full, and the number of scholars might be increased had we the means and the room for them.

In consequence of the widening of our field, and the importance of keeping in as close touch to it as possible, in the near future our missionary force will be distributed among four stations. Rev. Dr. Moore has, perhaps by this time, removed to Tokyo, the southern extremity of our field. Rev. S. S. Snyder will locate in the Hokkaido, the extreme northern part. Rev. H. K. Miller will go to Yamagata, in the western section, while Revs. Hoy, Schneder and Noss will remain in Sendai.

The statistical report for 1895-96 exhibits the following: organized churches, 6; self-supporting churches, 5; preaching stations, 50; baptisms, 197; members, 1,935; Sunday Schools, 39; Sunday School scholars, 1,618; native ministers, 12; unordained preachers, 27; contributions for all purposes, \$2,470.75.

The establishment of a new mission in some other country than Japan, as directed by General Synod, at its late meeting, is receiving the attention of the Board. Inquiries are being made and facts gathered. When a conclusion has been reached, it will be announced to the Church.

The finances of the Board have, during the past year, been in a healthy condition. The receipts have been adequate to its needs. For the last few months, however, there has been a falling off, for the arrest of which the Board most respectfully requests the prompt action of your reverend body. The amount apportioned by General Synod is the same per annum as for the last three years. The reason why the establishment of a new mission did not require an enlargement of the sum,

was the fact that the W. M. S. G. S. has assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. The amount of receipts reported last year, however, includes what was paid for the Girls' School by the Woman's Society, so that the sum needed for the coming year will include an additional amount sufficient to establish the new mission, namely, the full sum appropriated by the General Synod. This sum is \$35,000 per year, for the next three years. It is of prime importance that that full sum should be paid into the treasury, if the Board would be enabled to establish the new mission.

The Board would, therefore, urgently request your reverend body to assume the full amount assigned you by General Synod, apportion it to the several Classes, and adopt such action as will ensure its realization.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., September 16, 1896.

VII.—Reformed Church Tidings.

Under item 9, of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read a communication regarding the *Reformed Church Tidings*. The report was referred to the Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Sunday School Work, it gives us pleasure to report, that, in accordance with the order of the General Synod, the several Boards named have issued October 1st, the first number of the new missionary periodical, to be known as the *Reformed Church Tidings*.

This paper will aim, according to the resolution of General Synod, to promote the several interests committed to the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Sunday School Work, and the development of aggressive activities along all lines of Church work. The first number is herewith submitted for your consideration.

As an indication of the need and of the favor and appreciation with which this paper will be received, it is pleasant to report that some 4,000 cash subscriptions have been received in advance of its publication, and every mail brings in the names of additional subscribers.

We believe the publication of this periodical at the low price of ten cents per copy per year, in clubs, combined with its features of departments and illustrations, will mark a new era in the missionary activities of the Church; for it makes possible the dissemination of missionary intelligence and information to every family in the Reformed Church.

This will surely be the case, if our pastors and consistories will everywhere heartily co-operate. To this end may we respectfully request your reverend body to call attention to this important matter in such a way as your wisdom may suggest.

Let the *Reformed Church Tidings*, by the united action of our several Church judicatories and their chosen representatives, be the medium by which an avenue will be opened between the Missionary Boards and general Church work agencies, and every family in every congregation throughout the Church.

RUFUS W. MILLER, <i>Chairman</i> .	J. L. LEMBERGER,
C. S. GERHARD, <i>Secretary</i> ,	r G. HOBSON.
S. N. CALLENDER, D.D.,	T. J. BARKLEY, D.D.,

VIII.—Report of Standing Committee on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported Monday morning and the report was considered by items. Items 1 to 6 were severally adopted. Item 7 was amended and adopted. The report as amended was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following report:

A number of papers have been referred to us, all of which are hereby submitted for publication in our printed minutes:

1. Report of Synod's Board of Missions.
2. Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.
3. A communication from the same Board, concerning certain supposed pledges to Chicago Mission still unpaid.
4. A communication from the same Board, recommending that Classical conventions be held in the interests of the Michael Schlatter Church Extension Fund; submitting also a program to be carried out at such conventions.
5. A communication from the same Board, with reference to the deficiency in its treasury.
6. The report of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.
7. A communication from the Sunday School Board, with reference to the *Reformed Church Tidings*.

We rejoice to learn of the progress of both the Home and Foreign Mission work of our Church, but regret the fact that for the Home work especially the contributions do not keep pace with growing demands. Many promising fields are now asking for the Gospel, and it is a matter to be regretted that the means are not at hand at the present time to take up the points of interest. The charge of the Master is upon us, and it is hoped that the increased liberality of our people, may in the near future enable the Board to enlarge its work. The

Foreign work is enlarging and calls for increased contributions and more men. "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few." May the Church rise to a realization of her responsibility, and open her hand and give of her abundance to the furtherance of the Gospel.

We recommend the following, as the action of this Synod:

Resolved, (1) That we commend the cause of both Home and Foreign Missions anew to the prayers and liberality of our people, and that we remember that it is not only a duty but a glorious privilege to engage in this grand work.

Resolved, (2) That we call the attention of our Board to the points of interest within the bounds of this Synod, and especially to our interests at Punxsutawney, Vandergrift, Du-Quesne, and Homestead, and urge them to use their influence with General Synod's Board to secure appropriations for these points of interest in the near future.

Resolved, (3) That, while this Synod has not at any time pledged itself for any definite amount for our English mission at Chicago, we do hereby commend this work to our people, through the Classes, and recommend that such charges within their bounds as have not contributed to this cause be requested to do so.

Resolved, (4) That we commend the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund to the liberality of our people, and hereby instruct the Classes to carry out the program proposed by the General Synod's Board, as far as possible.

Resolved, (5) That we lament the fact that there is a deficiency in the treasury of the General Synod's Board of Missions, but decline to take any action looking toward the relief of said Board, as this Synod has paid its full apportionment.

Resolved, (6) That we commend the *Reformed Church Tidings* to our people, but earnestly request the editors of this publication to prevent all objectionable illustrations from appearance in its columns in its future.

We also recommend the following apportionments:

For Home Missions.....	\$4,500
For Hungarian Work.....	450
For Harbor Missions.....	90
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Total	\$5,040

We also recommend the apportionment of six cents per member for Church Extension.

We recommend also the continuation of the apportionment of \$2,600, commonly called the Tentative Apportionment for Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That on account of other pressing engagements, we do not feel ourselves able to assume the amount assessed upon us for work among the Germans.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. LAND,
R. E. CRUM,

A. H. LIST,
S. C. LONG,
C. KAMERER.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I.—Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa.

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home reported on Thursday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:
To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home respectfully report the present condition and needs of the above institution, for the year ending June 1, 1896.

The management of the Home, and the general policy pursued in conducting it have continued as in former years. Our purpose has ever been to make the institution a *home*, as far as it has been possible under the conditions which must necessarily exist, where there is an absence of parents, and children from so many different homes are brought together. An ideal home can never be expected under such circumstances. None but a *parent* can exercise that love to children which is ever necessary to constitute the life and light of a true home. In its necessary absence we bring to the orphans the love of Christ as possessed by His Church, and with it meet the needs and warm the hearts of the little ones for whom Christ died.

He who feeds the birds of the air, has enabled us to provide bread and meat in due season for the inmates of the Home; no one there has wanted any good thing,—all their bodily wants have been supplied. Daily family prayer and Christian instruction, Sunday School and the regular services of the sanctuary have ministered to their spiritual nature and tended to their nurture in the Lord. As a visible result of these things, ten of the youths made a public profession of faith in Christ.

Intellectual training and development have been attended to during ten months of the year in the two well conducted and properly furnished schools, taught by Mr. C. H. Faust and Miss Anna Kinter. Habits of industry are formed by requiring the girls to do all manner of work suited to them within the Home, and the boys find work in the yard, garden, fire and printing office.

On June 1st there were 92 children in the Home, of whom

47 were pay children and 45 Church orphans. (Permit us to state parenthetically, that at *this* time there are but 27 pay children and 48 Church orphans).

For your information we present herewith the report of the Treasurer, B. Wolf, jr., as made to the Board at the June meeting:

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand June 17, 1895.....	\$.66
Interest for 1 yr. to July 13, 1895, on \$1,000....	60.00
" " " " February 22, 1896, on \$450	27.00
" " " " March 3, 1896, on \$5,000..	300.00
" " " " June 7, 1896, on \$632.05....	37.92
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	\$424.92
Bills payable 90 day note discount at bank	
October 17, 1895.....	400.00
Legacy from estate of Jno. D. Hottel, decease1..	234.30
Churches and Sunday Schools.....	2,655.26
Individuals	171.75
Orphans' Friend	165.35
From Boarders	4,592.12
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Total	\$8,644.35
Balance due Treasurer.....	118.31
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	\$8,762.66
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EXPENDITURES.

Discount on \$400 note.....	\$ 6.25
Bills payable, lifted 90 day note, due January 18, 1896	400.00
Interest for one year to June 13, 1896, on \$9,900 note	594.00
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of Home....	7,528.11
Loaned Geo. Troutman 1 yr. note.....	234.30
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	\$8,762.66

To the Endowment Fund reported last year has been added the legacy of John D. Hottel.

To the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home:

GENTLEMEN:—The committee at the last regular meeting of the Board, appointed to audit the accounts and reports of the Treasurer and of the Superintendent, for the coming year, report that we have examined the accounts, vouchers and reports of the Treasurer, and found them all correct. There is a balance of \$118.13 due Treasurer. They have also examined the accounts and vouchers of the Superintendent, and found them all correct except an error, an excess of \$2.00 in footing on page 84 in Superintendent's book of accounts. With this error corrected the total expenditures by Superintendent are \$7,856.33, and receipts, \$7,526.22.

The following is a summary of these accounts:

EXPENDITURES.	
By Superintendent	\$7,856.23
Interest and discount.....	1,000.00
Invested by Treasurer.....	234.30
BILLS PAYABLE.	
Due Superintendent	\$330.22
Due Treasurer	118.13
General account	843.99
Total	<u>\$1,292.34</u>
BILLS RECEIVABLE.	
Boarders	\$1,200.09
Cash on hand.....	100.00
	<u>\$1,300.09</u>
Surplus on floating account.....	7.65
Indebtedness, notes	9,900.00
Endowment	<u>7,316.35</u>

The expenses for maintenance of the Home for one year, appear as follows:

Expended by Superintendent.....	\$7,856.23
Bills 1895 paid in 1896.....	736.58
Bills 1895	600.29
	<u>\$1,396.87</u>
Bills payable 1895.....	1,292.34
Bills payable 1896.....	<u>7,752.70</u>
Actual outlay for year ending June 1, 1896....	884.00
Farm products used to the value of.....	<u>1,292.34</u>
Total	

The committee wishes also to put on record property 30 acres of ground, improvements, building valued at \$60,000.00.

E. MACKEY,
A. O. EBERHART.

June 15th, 1896.

The attention of the Synod is called particularly to the fact that the pay children in the Home have greatly decreased in number, while there has been a corresponding increase of Church orphans. This renders it imperative that our churches and Sunday Schools greatly increase their contributions to the Home, if its usefulness is to continue. We beg our pastors to put forth special efforts to this end.

We call the attention of the Synod and all concerned, to the fact that application for admission to the Home should be made for those only for whom homes cannot be found elsewhere. If homes for orphans can be found among friends or in their own community, let them be there provided for, and the Home at Butler be called upon only as a last resort. Further, if proper persons are known to desire a child, whom they will receive into their homes, let application be made to the

Superintendent or Board. When one such home is furnished an inmate, room is given another at the Home in Butler, and thus the advantages of the institution are enlarged.

Because of unusual expenses in the way of necessary repairs to the buildings and sewerage, and the decrease of pay children, if we would escape an increased indebtedness, our income must be increased \$1,000 by greater contributions from our churches and the friends of the Home. Since the amounts contributed by many of our congregations are trifling when compared with their ability, it is believed that if the wants of the Home are properly made known to our people, they will give more generously and our work be maintained. Indeed, our aim should be not only to keep out of further debt, but to annually reduce the present indebtedness, which practically nullifies our endowment. We beg of the Synod to take such action as may prevent the realization of our fears.

The terms of the following Directors expire with this Synod, viz: Revs. C R. Dieffenbacher and John McConnel, and Elders J. T. Hamilton and P. Keil.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President of Board of Directors.

LATROBE, PA., Oct. 14th 1896.

II.—Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions reported on Friday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The only institution of which this Board has even a partial oversight at present is the Clarion Collegiate Institute, located at Rimersburg, within the bounds of Clarion Classis.

On account of an unavoidable delay in securing a principal for this institution a year ago, we were necessitated at the last annual meeting of your reverend body, to report that the school was not at that time in operation. While we felt that this unfortunate circumstance might be detrimental to our cause, the Synod kindly appointed a committee to confer with the Trustees elected by Clarion Classis and make proper inquiry concerning the school. Said committee met with said Board, and will likely report its findings.

It is now our pleasure to report that the school has been in successful operation since the first of January. Prof. W. L. Smith, a graduate of the College at Lancaster, the present principal, has shown laudable earnestness and zeal in furthering the work. There are three teachers employed, who have had in charge from 40 to 50 students during the year.

The property is in good condition, some repairs having recently been made. The institution is out of debt, with several hundred dollars at interest.

The continued life and vigor manifested, despite the discouragements met with, serve to demonstrate, we believe, that Clarion Collegiate Institute has a work to do.

The Trustees have had an attorney examine the charter, deeds, etc., and can now inform the Synod that the property is entirely in the hands of the properly constituted Trustees elected by Clarion Classis.

Believing that a step in the right direction has been taken by Synod in appointing a committee to look into the condition of the institution, we again commend to Synod's careful and prayerful consideration, the interests of higher education as now carried on at Clarion Collegiate Institute.

D. B. LADY,
J. F. SNYDER,

R. F. GASS,
J. F. WIAINT.

III.—Report of Franklin and Marshall College.

Under item 4, of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was presented and read the report of Franklin and Marshall College. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The following report is respectfully submitted on behalf of Franklin and Marshall College:

The work of the College during the past year has been eminently satisfactory. The enrollment of students was as follows: Seniors, 26; Juniors, 33; Sophomores, 57; Freshmen, 41; special students, 4. Total, 161.

The degree of A. B. was conferred upon the following members of the Senior class: John Knorr Adams, John Light Atlee, Robert Hood Bowers, William Geiss Cleaver, Elmer Leslie Coblentz, Edward Andrew Cremer, John Frank Dechant, William Smith Fisher, Albert Harrison Ginder, George G. Greenawald, Walter Keller Harnish, Samuel High, Moses Augustus Kieffer, John Roland Kinzer, Willoughby Henry Millhouse, Samuel Martin Meyers, John Atlee Nauman, Josephy Perry Ratzell, Daniel Edward Remsberg, Robert Franklin Reed, William Edward Schaak, Henry Nathan Smith, Samuel Henry Stein, Nevin Lucian Weidner.

The degree of A. M. in course, was conferred upon the following graduates of the College: Rev. J. Lucian Roush, Rev. Daniel G. Hetrick, Prof. Charles V. Smith, Rev. Charles F. Althouse, Rev. Ellis S. Hay, Rev. William D. Happel, Joseph H. Bowman, Charles H. LeFevre, John J. Rothermel, J. Rauch Stein, Dr. Edgar D. Thompson, Albert D. Wanne-

maker. The degree of A. M. for meritorious work, was conferred upon George T. Shower, M.D., of Woodbury, Md., and upon Prof. John M. Grove, of Lancaster, Pa.

The following degrees were conferred:

D.D.—Rev. W. H. Deatrick, Newport, Pa.; Rev. S. Reid Bridenbaugh, Reading, Pa.; Rev. Henry C. Swentzel, Brooklyn, N. Y.

LL.D.—J. Watts de Peyster, Tivoli, N. Y.

The enrollment for the present year is larger than last year. The number of new students is as follows: Graduate students, 2; Juniors, 3; Sophomores, 4; Freshmen, 45; special students, or those who take a partial course, 7. Total, 61. The number in actual attendance is as follows: Graduate students, 2; Seniors, 31; Juniors, 56; Sophomores, 33; Freshmen, 45; special students, 8. Total, 175.

The exceptionally large Junior class had to be divided into two sections for class-room instruction. As three of the classes are now divided into sections, it will be readily seen that the work of the professors has been materially increased. Provision has been made, however, to carry forward the instruction in all the departments, and we anticipate a year of successful and prosperous work. Prof. A. V. Hiester, at the last commencement, obtained leave of absence for the purpose of accepting an appointment to a fellowship in Columbia College in the further prosecution of his studies. In his place Prof. Samuel W. Kerr has been appointed, and he has entered upon the discharge of the duties incumbent upon the position under auspices which promise a successful career.

It is believed that the effect of military instruction and drill has been decidedly beneficial. Believing that it would be possible to secure still better results by a better organization of the work in this department, the Board of Trustees resolved to make military drill obligatory upon the members of the two lower classes, excepting such as should be, for cause, excused by the Faculty. It is not intended that students should be required, however, to procure a full uniform.

The finances of the College at the close of the last year were found to be in a better condition than we ventured to hope a year ago. There was a deficit, to be sure; but it was not as large as was anticipated, in view of the additional expense incurred by the employment of two new professors at the beginning of the year. The expenses exceeded the income by \$687.93; but in this statement no account is made of moneys pledged to the Savings and Loan Association, which it was understood should be immediately available for the use of the College. These, with accrued interest, when covered into the treasury, will fully make good the deficit.

During the last vacation extensive improvements were made

in the grounds and buildings of the College. College Avenue has been graded by the city and cut down in front of the entrance gate, making the construction of a new entrance-way necessary. The fence fronting on the avenue has been removed and a terrace constructed. When this is sodded and a pavement laid it will constitute a great improvement. The College tower has been repaired; additional work-tables have been prepared in the laboratory; a tank for water supply has been erected; and baths have been provided in the gymnasium. A new Electric Program Clock, with dials in each recitation room, which rings the hours automatically, has been purchased for the College, and a new bell has been donated by Mrs. Geo. N. Forney, of Hanover, Pa., in memory of her deceased son, Jacob Wirt Forney, an alumnus of the College.

These improvements add greatly to the working facilities and good appearance of the College and the comfort of the students. There is, however, an imperative call for better library facilities and larger laboratories. We hope to have a new library building in the near future, and a number of contributions toward the erection of a new scientific building have been pledged. As the classes increase, the call for additional professors and enlarged facilities becomes more urgent. It is only necessary that the friends of the College should respond to this call and help to promote the rising tide of prosperity which has so manifestly begun. With the prayers and assistance of the Church in three Synods, there can be no doubt of the success of the movement in which we are engaged.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President.*

IV.—Report of the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported Monday morning. The report was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning respectfully reports that the following named papers have been referred to us:

1. The report of the Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.
 2. The report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.
 3. The report and catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College.
 4. The catalogue of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.
- From these documents we learn:

1. That St. Paul's Orphan Home has been doing a blessed work in providing for the bodily, mental, moral and spiritual wants of the Lord's poor, during the past year; also that there has been a great change in regard to the proportion between the Church orphans and pay children in the Home.

2. That Clarion Collegiate Institute has been in successful operation since the first of January of this year, but is in need of larger patronage.

3. That F. & M. College is steadily advancing in the increase in the number of students and in the efforts of the Faculty to train them to become fitted for the proper discharge of the duties and responsibilities of life.

4. That the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md., is in a prosperous condition, and offers excellent opportunities for the education of young ladies.

In view of these facts, we offer the following, for Synod's adoption:

1. That St. Paul's Orphan Home is heartily commended to the liberal support of the Church. To reach the desired end in the greatly changed condition between the number of Church orphans and pay children, these means are proposed:

(a) *Resolved*, That the urgent needs of the Home be regularly presented to our people, through the columns of our Church papers, by the Superintendent of the Board.

(b) *Resolved*, That the Synod earnestly requests all our Sunday Schools, through the Classes, to take two (2) or more offerings a year for the benefit of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and that these offerings be taken as nearly as possible at the Christmas and Easter festivals.

(c) *Resolved*, That pastors and people be requested to heartily encourage the proper observance of an Orphan Home Day.

2. That the Synod make earnest efforts to increase the efficiency of the Clarion Collegiate Institute.

3. That rejoicing in the prosperous condition of Franklin and Marshall College, we earnestly commend this institution of Synod to the confidence and patronage of the Church.

4. That we recommend the Woman's College, at Frederick, Md., to the liberal patronage of our people who are endeavoring to have their daughters educated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. WIAIT,
A. J. HELLER,

L. CORT,
JAMES KIFER,
H. A. LAUFFER.

V.—Report of the Committee on Increased Endowment of F. & M. College.

The report was read on Monday and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee would report that during the past year there was no occasion for them to perform any definite work in the cause committed to them.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. TRUXAL, *Chairman.*

The vacancies occurring in the above committee by removal and resignation were filled by the President appointing Revs. U. O. H. Kershner and A. J. Heller, D.D. The committee is as follows: A. E. Truxal, D.D., D. A. Souders, A. M. Kifer, U. O. H. Kerschner and A. J. Heller, D.D.

VI.—Report of Special Committee to Confer With the Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute.

The committee reported on Saturday morning and the consideration of the report was made the order of the day for Monday afternoon, when the report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee appointed at the last annual meeting to confer with the Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute begs leave to offer the following report:

The committee met three members of the aforesaid Board, at Butler, Pa., on the 4th day of February last, when the subject of the transfer of the institution to the Pittsburgh Synod was fully canvassed. The following facts were deemed worthy of notice:

1. The Board of Clarion Collegiate Institute possesses a legally executed deed for the Campus, with improvements, and also a deed for two acres of ground adjoining the Campus, in fee simple.

2. The institution is free from any encumbrance.

3. The Trustees propose to sell these properties to the Pittsburgh Synod, free of all encumbrances, for a nominal sum.

4. That the title is to be so framed as not to restrict the Synod or to hamper it in forming or changing its future educational policy; that is to say, that, if the Synod should see proper to select some other place for the founding of an academic or preparatory school, it may be free to do so.

A second meeting was called at Rimersburg. But at the appointed time only the chairman of your committee went to Rimersburg, where he was met by two members of the Trustees, who showed him through the building.

The building is in fairly good repair, and with the expenditure of perhaps \$400 or \$500 could be put into excellent condition.

The school is located in the center of the town, a village of

about 500 inhabitants. The place has railroad facilities. It is situated in a populous and fertile district of country, which contains also mining interests. The people have hitherto been friendly to the school and have patronized it.

The school closed at the time of our visit with a roll of some forty students.

Your committee offer the following resolution for your consideration, to wit:

Resolved, That the offer of the Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute to transfer the said institution to Pittsburgh Synod, free of all encumbrance, is hereby accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

I.—Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The Board of Beneficiary Education reported on Friday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Education, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board of Beneficiary Education beg leave to report: That the work committed to our charge and care has received due attention, and has been attended to, to the best of our ability.

The following students for the ministry received aid from our Board during the past year and prosecuted their studies to the satisfaction of their instructors and the Board, viz: D. E. Master, Benoni Bates, A. O. Reiter, G. F. Bair, W. D. Stoyer, W. S. Fisher and H. H. Wiant. Of these, Messrs. Master and Bates completed their studies, and are now engaged in the active duties of the ministry. Messrs. Reiter and Bair are Seniors in the Seminary, W. D. Stoyer, a Middler, W. S. Fisher a Junior, and H. H. Wiant a Junior in College. All were or are at our Institutions at Lancaster.

At a recent meeting of the Board C. H. Faust was received under our care, upon the recommendation of the Consistory of St. Paul's Reformed church, Butler, Pa., and Allegheny Classis. He has entered the Junior Class of the Seminary. Another application is pending and will be favorably acted upon as soon as certain conditions are fulfilled. Synod's attention is called to the small number of students for the ministry under our care. If the ranks of the ministry are to be filled and aggressive work done, a larger number of young men should be in the way of preparation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance in Treasury at last statement.....	\$5.00
Received from Treasurer of Synod.....	980.00
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Total	\$985.00
Amount expended	\$934.00
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Balance in Treasury.....	\$50.60

The term of Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D., expires with this meeting of Synod. We ask an appropriation of \$1,100, for the work during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President of the Board.

LATROBE, PA., Oct. 8, 1896.

II.—Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education reported Saturday afternoon. The report was amended and adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Education would respectfully report that there was placed in our hands the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education of this Synod for the year ending October, 1896.

From this report we learn that during the past year seven young men were under the care and received aid from the Board, two of whom finished their course during the year. One young man was recently received, so that the present number receiving aid is seven. The Board calls the serious attention of the Synod to the small number of students for the ministry under our care and reminds us that if the ranks of the ministry is to be filled and aggressive work done, a larger number of young men should be in the way of preparation.

We, accordingly, recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod be earnestly urged, through the Classes, to seek out worthy and talented young men in their charges and solemnly challenge them to consider the needs of the Church for more ministers of the Gospel and try to induce them to consecrate themselves to the Gospel ministry.

Further, we recommend the amount asked by the Board, \$1,100, be granted and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, to be apportioned upon the several Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. GUMBERT,	J. F. SNYDER,
A. K. KLINE,	JOHN FOX,
	H. J. HORNER.

III.—Resolution on the Return of Bonds of Beneficiaries.

The following resolution was offered on Monday afternoon and adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be directed to return the bonds given by Beneficiary Students to all such persons now in the active work who have complied with the conditions of said bonds.

IV.—A Plan for the Endowment for Beneficiary Education.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 13, reported a communication from Rev. H. King, regarding the Endowment for Beneficiary Education. The communication was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. R. Diefenbacher, D.D., D. E. Masters, and Elder W. F. Brinker, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—A plan for an endowment for Beneficiary Education is herewith respectfully presented for your consideration, with a view to its adoption, with any changes that may be necessary to adapt it more fully to its purpose. In view of the need of the Beneficiary interest to receive a more generous support, and the stimulation of that important branch of church-work, which may reasonably be expected to follow the employment of the proposed scheme, the measure is submitted in the confident anticipation of your favorable action thereon.

Very truly yours in Christian consecration,

HIRAM KING.

A PLAN FOR A BENEFICIARY EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

1. The Endowment shall be known as The Ministers' Endowment Fund, of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, for Beneficiary Education.

2. The said Endowment shall be created and perpetually increased by the personal contributions of the ministers of Synod.

3. The Endowment shall be under the management of the Board of Beneficiary Education of Synod, which shall solicit contributions thereunto from the present and incoming ministers of Synod *in perpetuity*, invest the fund as it accumulates and use the proceeds of the investment in payment of the annual appropriations of Synod to its Beneficiary Students.

4. Contributions to the fund shall be made in shares of twenty-five dollars, the number of shares by each contributor being left optional.

SOMERSET, PA., Sept. 20, 1896.

V.—Report of the Special Committee on Endowment for Beneficiary Education.

This committee reported on Monday morning. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee to whom was reported the "Plan for an Endowment for Beneficiary Education," offered by Rev. H. King, report that we recognize the importance of such an endowment and the great good it would accomplish in furthering the cause of Christ, as well as the opportunity it will afford the ministry of Synod to perpetuate the work of the office they now exercise.

But inasmuch as the Board of Beneficiary Education of this Synod is not a chartered body and receives its funds, not directly from our churches or people, but from the Treasurer of Synod, we cannot see our way clear to adopt the details of the proposed plan. We, however, offer the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the ministry and laity of this Synod be recommended to create, by gift or bequest, a permanent Endowment Fund for the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod and his successors in office, be and are hereby, authorized to receive any funds so designated, safely and securely invest the same and pay the annual income thereof to the Board of Beneficiary Education of Pittsburgh Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
D. E. MASTERS, W. F. BRINKER.

ARTICLE XVII.

I.—Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

On Thursday afternoon, under item 10 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read the report of the Publication Board. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, and is as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, September 29th, 1896.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

BRETHREN:—The changes which have occurred during the past year in connection with your publication interests are more or less familiar to you all, and whilst they present issues of a new and complicated nature, demanding careful and intelligent action, they nevertheless resulted finally in what is believed to be a satisfactory solution, through the purchase and possession by your Board of all the rights and interests previously owned or ceded by contract to the late **Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D.**

On February 25th, 1896, the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, lessee and publisher, died. At his death the business

such condition that no one in his employ could intelligently and successfully conduct it. With this knowledge, the Board met in extra session on March 19th, 1896, to consider the situation and adopt measures, if necessary, for the uninterrupted issue of the various periodicals. It was found that the widow of the lessee had temporarily provided for the situation by securing the services of Rev. C. J. Musser, of Norristown, who had, at a great personal inconvenience and self-sacrifice, consented to assist her in the capacity of editor and publisher, pending the final action of the Board of Publication. At this meeting the widow stated that the estate of the late Dr. Fisher was without funds or immediate resources to prosecute the work, and she therefore asked the Board to advance the sum of \$2,500, in such installments as might be needed, giving therefor her notes with interest, and as additional security, the income which would be received by the publishing house. She also asked for three months' time in which to re-organize or dispose of her husband's interest in the concern. After carefully investigating the condition of the estate and other factors bearing upon the situation, and desiring also to assist the widow in her distress, the Board unanimously assented to the proposition, under a written contract for three months, providing therein that any arrangement entered into by her for sale or transfer should be subject to the approval of the Board. By virtue of this agreement, funds were advanced and subsequently repaid with interest, as will appear in the report of the Treasurer.

On June 19th, 1896, the Board, at the request of Mrs. Fisher, was again called in extra session, at which the statement was made that it had been found impossible to make any satisfactory disposition of the business; and that for the purpose of facilitating the settling of the estate, Mrs. Fisher had, by order of the Orphans' Court, obtained permission to sell and bid in the interests, rights and merchandise in and of the Publication House. By virtue of this order, she had become the owner of all of said interests and now petitioned your Board to execute to her a new lease for a term of years, and to recognize her, together with such parties she might select to associate with her, as the lessee and publisher, under terms similar to those previously made with the late Dr. Fisher. This proposition was unanimously declined. Subsequently your Board opened negotiations with Mrs. Fisher for the purchase of all the rights and interests acquired by her through purchase; and, finally bought these for the sum of \$2,500, inclusive of the Almanac, which was the exclusive property of the late Dr. Fisher. By this purchase, namely, \$500 for the books, sheets and other merchandise; \$1,000 for the Almanac; \$800 for the unexpired lease, and \$200 for furniture and fixtures, the Board became

the absolute owner of the entire publication interests, and will henceforth issue all publications, except the Sunday School literature, for its own account.

Soon after the purchase, the Board negotiated and concluded a contract with the Sunday School Board, whereby the Sunday School literature was transferred to that Board, under the following agreement: We, the undersigned, in behalf of the Sunday School Board, hereby agree to pay five per cent. annually on \$15,000, in semi-annual payments, on condition that the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church transfers all its Sunday School publications to the Sunday School Board of the General Synod, according to the action of the General Synod; and further, the Sunday School Board agrees to pay one-half of the expenses for room rent, business manager and such other expenses as are jointly incurred.

(Signed)

CONRAD CLEVER,
RUFUS W. MILLER,
CALVIN S. GERHARD.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19th, 1896.

To provide for the conduct of its business, the Board temporarily rented the back building of No. 907 Arch street, at the monthly rental of \$95, and elected Rev. C. J. Musser as temporary editor-in-chief, and Rev. C. R. Ferner as business manager. Later, the Board removed to the first and second floors front, of building No. 1025 Arch street, negotiating a lease for 21½ months, at \$70 per month.

The Board, at its regular annual meeting, held September 16th, elected Rev. C. J. Musser permanent editor-in-chief, at the yearly salary of \$1,800, and fixed the salary of the business manager at \$1,300 per annum, beginning with October 1st, 1896, and provided for the manner of conducting the publication under the following resolutions and instructions:

“WHEREAS, This Board is of the opinion that each of its publications should present an harmonious whole, and that the expenses for editing the same may be done at the least possible cost,

“*Resolved*, That the editorial management of the *Messenger* be entirely under the control of one man, the editor-in-chief, and he be authorized and empowered to engage such editorial assistance as he deems necessary to the purpose herein expressed.”

A resolution was also adopted, instructing the business manager to conduct a cash business in the Book Department, and to fill no orders for less than \$1, unless the cash accompanies such orders. The reasons for this become so manifest, on reflection, that no reasonable objection can be urged against the plan. Experience shows that the numerous entries in the

books and the postage expended in sending bills for these small accounts, consume in many instances the whole bill, thus entailing an actual loss, which in the course of a year amounts to a large sum. The Book Department is retained and conducted more as a convenience for the Church than as a source of profit, and must, therefore, be conducted on business methods to make it self-sustaining.

The Board also decided to continue the publication of the *Quarterly Review* during 1897, and fixed the subscription price at \$2.00 per annum instead of \$3.00, as heretofore. The Rev. William Rupp, D.D., was elected editor of the publication.

You will note in the Treasurer's report that the estate of Dr. Fisher is indebted to the Board in the sum of \$1,850, for guarantee under the lease. In addition to this the Board will have a claim for \$4,541.85 (approximately) on account of advanced subscriptions collected by the estate on the various periodicals. The Board resolved to employ Mr. Joseph A. Reed, attorney, to represent it in the collection of these claims. These claims are necessarily tied up until the executrix is prepared to make distribution. Whether all, or only part, will be realized, depends upon her ability to collect outstanding accounts and to dispose favorably of the other assets of the late lessee.

In this connection we again earnestly urge the membership of the Church, who are indebted to the estate of the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., to speedily pay their back obligations, so that the estate may be settled without delay, and the widow and creditors alike secure that to which they are justly entitled.

The Board has endeavored to give to the Synods a synopsis of the important facts which have occurred during the year in connection with the publication interests, and it believes that the plans already adopted and those in contemplation, in the near future will result in placing this interest on an intelligent and satisfactory business basis. To accomplish this most effectually, your aid, sympathy and earnest support are essential, and in the confidence that these will be cheerfully accorded, this report is submitted for your respectful consideration.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

II.—Treasurer's Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board.

Sept.	1, 1895.	Investments (as per report).....	\$9,725.00	
		Cash on hand.....	996.81	\$10,721.81

CASH RECEIPTS SEPT. 1, 1895, TO SEPT. 15, 1896.

1895.	Sept	5.	Six months' interest Geo. Reber note...	\$45.00
	Sept.	5.	" " " silk mill bonds.....	55.00
	Oct.	7.	" " " Lydia Fisher mort- gage	24.75

Nov.	7.	Six months' interest Mack mortgage....	44.00	
Nov.	7.	" " " Deeter mortgage...	25.00	
1896.				
Mar.	1.	" " " silk mill bonds.....	55.00	
Mar.	2.	" " " Geo. Reber note...	45.00	
Mar.	2.	" " " car trust bonds....	15.00	
April	1.	" " " Deeter mortgage...	25.00	
April	8.	Interest Mack mortgage.....	41.10	
April	11.	Six months' interest Fisher mortgage..	21.75	
May	12.	One year's interest Blosser judgment....	12.00	
July	14.	Interest Margaret Hay Fisher.....	20.50	
July	14.	Interest C. M. Boush, Treasurer, two mortgages	50.00	
Sept.	1.	Six months' interest silk mill bonds....	55.00	
		Interest Geo. Reber note.....	30.00	
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			\$564.10	
Bonus Mrs. Fisher's lease.....			300.00	\$864.10
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				\$11,585.91
Expenses paid members of Board.....			\$146.30	
Paid Mrs. Margaret Hay Fisher.....			2,500.00	
Paid Rev. C. R. Ferner, manager.....			1,000.00	
Paid investments			7,875.00	
Balance cash on hand.....			64.61	\$11,585.91
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INVESTMENTS.

Blosser judgment (J. W. Wetzle, Carlisle)	\$200.00
Reading silk mill bonds—first mortgage	2,000.00
Lydia Fisher—first mortgage.....	725.00
Isaac L. Deeter—first mortgage.....	2,000.00
C. M. Boush—Treasurer Church Extension, Massillon, Ohio—mortgage..	1,000.00
C. M. Boush—Treasurer Church Extension, Youngstown, Ohio—mortgage	1,000.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa	1,000.00
Note of Rev. C. G. Fisher.....	800.00
Note of Rev. C. G. Fisher.....	150.00
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	\$7,875.00

Due the Board, Rev. C. G. Fisher's lease

900.00

JAMES T. REBER, *Treasurer.*

READING, Sept. 15, 1896.

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

This committee reported on Saturday afternoon. The report was considered by items Saturday afternoon and Monday morning. The items were severally, and the report as a whole, adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Publication respectfully submits the following report:

The only matter referred to this committee was "The Ann

Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States." From it we learn:

1. Of the sad death of Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D.
2. Of the unfortunate condition of the business in regard to the delinquencies in the book accounts.
3. Of the new arrangements made by the Board for conducting the business and for the management of our periodicals.
4. Of the financial condition of the Publication Board, showing \$7,939.61 in the hands of the Board.

Your committee recommends the following for action:

1. *Resolved*, That we learn with sorrow of the death of Rev. Charles G. Fisher, D.D., and that we extend to Mrs. Rev. Charles G. Fisher our heartfelt sympathy in her bereavement.
2. *Resolved*, That we deeply regret the delinquencies on the books of the Publication House above referred to, and urge upon all delinquents within the bounds of our Synod the immediate payment of their indebtedness to the Publication House.
3. *Resolved*, That we learn with pleasure that the publication interests have been re-established on a new business basis, and that with united forces and under the management of Rev. C. R. Ferner they give much promise of success and enlargement.

4. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the selection of Rev. Cyrus J. Misser as editor-in-chief of *The Reformed Church Messenger*. But while we most heartily confirm his selection, and realize the fact that the peculiar circumstances in this instance demanded speedy action in arranging for the temporary management of our publication interests, yet we regard the assumption by the Board of plenary power in this matter, as contrary to the customs and precedents of the past and an overstepping of their authority. We hold that the power to elect the editor-in-chief of our periodicals belongs alone to the three Synods.

We urge upon our Classes, pastors and congregations full loyalty to our publication interests and redoubled efforts to make them successful.

5. *Resolved*, That we approve the new arrangements for the *Quarterly Review*, and the selection of Prof. Wm. Rupp, D.D., as its editor-in-chief, and that we urge the placing of the *Review* in the homes of our families along with the *Messenger* and our other Church literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. BAUMAN,	E. P. SKYLES,
R. C. BOWLING,	A. O. EBERHART
	S. B. FISHER,

Instruction to Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to forward to the Eastern and Potomac Synods Pittsburgh Synod's action regarding the publication interests.

Committee to Secure Subscriptions for the Reformed Quarterly Review.

On Monday morning Revs. E. S. Hassler, D. B. Lady, D.D., and H. W. Bright were appointed a committee to secure subscriptions for the *Reformed Quarterly Review*, and to report at next annual meeting.

Report of Committee on Lease of Publication Interests

Under item 8, of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee appointed to act in conjunction with similar committees, providing such were appointed, of the Eastern and Potomac Synods, regarding the lease of the publication interests, would report that there was nothing brought before them for action, and therefore nothing was done.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. LAND,
A. M. SCHMIDT.

Publication of Minutes.

On Monday evening the Stated Clerk was instructed to publish 2,000 copies of the proceedings of the meeting and distribute them in the usual manner.

ARTICLE XVIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

All vacancies occurring in the Boards were referred to the Committee on Nominations, and this committee on Saturday reported to Synod a double set of candidates. The report was adopted and the committee instructed to have sufficient tickets printed for use of the Synod and the election was made the order of the day immediately after Preparatory Service on Saturday afternoon.

At the time set the President appointed Revs. A. M. Schmidt, D. E. Masters, I. N. Burger and H. W. Bright tellers and the election was held, resulting as follows:

Trustee of Synod, Elder John Reimold; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., A. J. Heller, D.D., and Elders P. Keil and John E. Kunkel; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. J. F. Wiant, D. H. Leader and Geo. E. Limbert; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. A. E. Truxal,

D.D.; *Board of Home Missions*, Elder John M. Conroy; *Sunday School Board*, Rev. A. M. Kifer; *Board of Trustees of F. & M. College*, Elder J. F. Hamilton.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED:

Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Elder John Reimold; *for four years*, Elder W. G. King; *for three years*, Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D.; *for two years*, Elder G. M. Hartzel; *for one year*, Elder R. S. Jamison.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., A. J. Heller, D.D., and Elders P. Keil and John E. Kunkel; *for three years*, Revs. R. C. Bowling, A. M. Schmidt, C. W. Summey, and Elder J. H. Twitmyer, M.D.; *for two years*, Rev. S. T. Wagner, B. Wolff, jr., Prof. E. Mackey and Elder J. M. Conroy; *for one year*, Revs. T. S. Land, H. S. Garner, C. Gumbert, and Elder A. O. Eberhart.

Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Revs. J. F. Wiant and D. H. Leader; *for two years*, Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., and J. F. Snyder; *for one year*, Revs. R. F. Gass and Geo. E. Limbert.

Board of Beneficiary Education.

For five years, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *for four years*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; *for three years*, Rev. William Rupp, D.D.; *for two years*, Rev. J. F. Snyder; *for one year*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

Board of Home Missions.

For five years, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for four years*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *for three years*, Rev. D. A. Souders; *for two years*, Rev. A. M. Keifer; *for one year*, Rev. R. C. Bowling.

Sunday School Board.

For five years, Rev. A. M. Keifer; *for four years*, Rev. J. N. Naly; *for three years*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell; *for two years*, Rev. D. N. Harnish; *for one year*, Elder C. W. Truxall.

Trustee of F. & M. College.

For ten years, Elder J. T. Hamilton.

FINANCE.

I.—Treasurer's Report.

On Thursday morning the Treasurer of Synod presented his annual report, which was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for auditing. The report is as follows:

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

A. J. HELLER, in account with PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Dr.

To cash on hand belonging to the general fund
and reported to Pittsburgh Synod September
31, 1895, four hundred and fifty-eight dollars and
twenty-six cents \$458.26

1895.									
Nov.	15.	Received of Charles H. Lefevre.....						\$35.00	
1896.									
Feb.	13.	" " " " "						25.00	
Mar.	19.	" " " " "						15.00	\$75.00

Westmoreland Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1895.									
Nov.	2.	Received of Rev. C. R. Ferner, Treasurer						\$117.94	
Dec.	7.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						198.93	
1896.									
Jan.	4.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						31.39	
Jan.	16.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						238.80	
Feb.	17.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						101.84	
Apr.	13.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						313.70	
Apr.	21.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						232.30	
May	1.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						283.74	
May	22.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						297.14	
June	26.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						15.55	
Aug.	6.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treasurer						200.00	
Aug.	22.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						67.73	
Aug.	24.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						45.00	
Oct.	3.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						185.16	\$2,329.22

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1895.									
Nov.	2.	Received of Rev. C. R. Ferner, Treasurer						\$29.00	
Jan.	4.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						26.45	
Jan.	16.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						5.00	
Feb.	7.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						10.00	
Apr.	13.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						52.64	
Apr.	20.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						7.89	
May	1.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						114.47	
May	22.	" " " " " " " " " " " "						58.95	
Aug.	22.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, " "						3.55	
Oct.	3.							94.20	\$402.15

Kaneko Memorial	\$174.50
Support of Rev. H. K. Miller.....	70.00
Support of Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	25.00
Foreign Missions, special offering.....	25.00
Support of blind Japanese girl	5.00
Ministerial Relief	1.00
Chicago Mission	14.87
Youngstown Mission	7.50
Sunday School Board.....	33.50
Apportionment	\$2,315.00
Received on the same.....	2,329.22

Overpaid \$14.22

Apportionment for Foreign Missions..	\$800.00
Received on the same.....	402.15
Deficit ..	\$397 85

Clarion Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1895.							
Oct.	14.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treasurer	\$291.45				
1896.							
Jan.	27.	" " " " " "	200 00				
Feb.	11.	" " " " " "	100.00				
Apr.	21.	" " " " " "	225 00				
Apr.	30.	" " " " " "	125 00				
June	29.	" " " " " "	250 00				
Sept.	26.	" " " " " "	400.00				
Oct.	3.	" " " " " "	250.00	\$1,841.45			

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1896.							
Jan.	27	Received of Rev R C Bowling, Treasurer	\$63.00				
Feb.	11	" " " " " "	34.40				
Apr.	30	" " " " " "	24 10				
June	29	" " " " " "	100.00	\$221.50			
		Kaneko Memorial ..		\$87 00			
		Apportionment ..	\$1,795.00				
		Received on the same ..	1,841 45				
		Overpaid ..	\$46.45				
		Apportionment for Foreign Missions ..		\$500.00			
		Received on the same.....		221.50			
		Deficit ..		\$278.50			

St. Paul's Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT

1895.							
Oct.	11.	Received of C M. Boush, Treasurer.....	\$98.32				
1896.							
Jan.	18.	" " " " " "	107 40				
Apr.	15.	" " " " " "	138.86				
Apr.	26.	" " " " " "	100.00				
June	15.	" " " " " "	298.65				
July	16.	" " " " " "	102.10				
Sept.	30.	" " " " " "	200.00	\$1,045.33			
		Kaneko Memorial ..		\$10.00			
		Apportionment ..	\$1,360.00				
		Received on the same ..	1,045.33				
		Deficit ..	\$314.67				
		Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....		\$400.00			
		Deficit ..		400.00			

Somerset Classis.**ON APPORTIONMENT.**

1895.	Dec.	11.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treasurer	\$200.00	
1896.	Feb.	12.	" " " " " "	325.00	
	Apr.	8.	" " " " " "	150.00	
	May	5.	" " " " " "	500.00	
	May	6.	" " " " " "	200.00	
	Aug.	11.	" " " " " "	150.00	
	Oct.	3.	" " " " " "	240.62	
Per receipts....				71.77	\$1,837.39

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1895.	Dec.	11.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treasurer	\$18.06	
1896.	Feb.	12.	" " " " " "	30.36	
	Apr.	8.	" " " " " "	27.21	
	May	6.	" " " " " "	23.66	
	Aug.	11.	" " " " " "	33.88	
	Oct.	3.	" " " " " "	19.38	
Per receipts....				40.77	\$ 193.32

Girls' School, Japan.....	17.15
Kaneko Memorial.....	109.37
Support of Rev. H. K. Miller.....	35.00
Hungarian Missions, per receipt.....	20.00
Wichita University.....	14.00
Apportionment	\$1,715.00
Received on the same.....	1,837.39

Overpaid	\$ 112.39
Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 500.00
Received on the same.....	193.32
Deficit	\$306.68

Allegheny Classis.**ON APPORTIONMENT.**

1895.	Nov.	4.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer....	\$ 54.00	
	Nov.	12.	" " " " " "	87.85	
1896.	Jan.	8.	" " " " " "	10.00	
	Mar.	8.	" " " " " "	265.05	
	Mar.	9.	" " " " " "	23.21	
	Apr.	20.	" " " " " "	43.70	
	May	16.	" " " " " "	468.03	
	May	16.	" " " " " "	12.08	
	Jul.	13.	" " " " " "	9.03	
	Sept.	9.	" " " " " "	6.00	
	Sept.	29.	" " " " " "	4.55	
Per receipts of J. T. Reber....				29.50	\$1,015.00

1895.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.						
Nov.	12.	Received	of	J. M. Conroy,	Treasurer		\$13.75	
1896.								
Mar.	9.	"	"	"	"	"	2.20	
Apr.	20.	"	"	"	"	"	46.80	
May	9.	"	"	"	"	"	2.00	
May	16.	"	"	"	"	"	75.48	
Sept.	29.	"	"	"	"	"	75.00	
Per receipts....							130.00	\$345.23
Kaneko Memorial								237.00
Support of Rev. H. K. Miller.....								5.00
Support of Rev. S. S. Snyder.....								25.00
Ministerial Relief								11.00
Sunday School Board.....								36.40
Wichita University								50.00
Apportionment							\$1,015.00	
Received on the same.....							1,015.00	
Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....								\$400.00
Received on the same.....								345.23
Deficit								\$54.77

DISBURSEMENTS.
Contingent Expenses.

1895.								
Oct.	14.	Paid	Rev. T. S. Land	for	ballots.....	\$	1.00	
Oct.	14.	Paid	Prof. E. Mackey,	janitor's	service..		10.00	
Dec.	21.	Paid	Rev. J. H. Mickley,	distributing				
			printed minutes				28.00	
Dec.	21.	Paid	Rev. J. H. Mickley,	box for				
			archives				1.50	
Dec.	21.	Paid	Rev. J. H. Mickley,	binding 2 vols.				
			of minutes				2.50	
Dec.	21.	Paid	Rev. J. H. Mickley,	salary as Stated				
			Clerk				75.00	
Dec.	24.	Paid	Reformed Church	Publication				
			House for printing minutes.....				128.65	
1896.								
May	21.	Paid	Rev. A. E. Truxal,	expenses to Lan-				
			caster, Pa., Board of Visitors.....				10.50	
July	3.	Paid	Rev. D. A. Souders,	expenses, Board				
			of Home Missions.....				2.50	
July	15.	Paid	Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher,	expenses				
			to Butler, committee meeting				2.00	
July	15.	Paid	Rev. A. J. Heller,	expenses to Butler				
			and Rimersburg, committee meetings..				5.58	
Sept.	28.	Paid	for postage and stationary.....				2.50	
Sept.	28.	Paid	Rev. A. J. Heller,	salary as Treas-				
			urer				50.00	
Oct.	1.	Paid	Jacob Byers,	on note.....			64.00	\$383.73

Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

1896.								
May	6.	Paid	J. B. Roth,	Treasurer, for Teacher				
			in Elocution				\$75.00	
May	22.	Paid	J. B. Roth,	Treasurer, for Seminary				
			Aid Fund				100.00	\$175.00

To Sunday School Board.

To Ministerial Relief.

FOR REVS. SHOEMAKER AND M'CONNELL.

To Beneficiary Education.

To Church Extension.

To Home Missions.

To Hungarian Missions.

1895.						
Nov. 11.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$58.00				
1896.						
Feb. 17.	" " " " "	100.00				
Apr. 20.	" " " " "	25.00				
May 6.	" " " " "	56.00				
June 15.	" " " " "	91.00				
July 13.	" " " " "	50.00				
Sept. 29.	" " " " "	70.00				
	Per receipts	20.00	\$470.00			

To Harbor Mission.

1896.						
Jan. 22.	Paid James L. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$20.00				
Apr. 20.	" " " " "	45.00				
May 6.	" " " " "	35.00	\$100.00			

To Chicago Mission.

1896.						
May 22.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$12.37				
July 13.	Paid Rev. J. M. Kendig.....	2.50	\$14.87			

To Youngstown Mission.

1896.						
May 22.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$5.00				
July 13.	Paid Rev. Aaron Noll.....	2.50	\$7.50			

To Foreign Missions.

1895.						
Dec. 16.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$60.81				
1896.						
Jan. 22.	" " " " "	31.45				
Feb. 13.	" " " " "	137.76				
Apr. 20.	" " " " "	136.74				
May 6.	" " " " "	162.23				
May 22.	" " " " "	66.14				
July 13.	" " " " "	100.00				
Aug. 22.	" " " " "	62.43				
Sept. 29.	" " " " "	75.00				
	Per receipts....	170.77	\$1,003.33			

To Support of Rev. H. K. Miller.

1896.						
Feb. 13.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$15.00				
Apr. 20.	" " " " "	10.00				
May 6.	" " " " "	55.00				
May 22.	" " " " "	15.00				
	Per receipt....	5.00	\$100.00			

To Support of Rev. S. S. Snyder.

1896.						
Feb. 13.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$10.00				
May 6.	" " " " "	5.00				
May 22.	" " " " "	20.00				
	Per receipt....	15.00	\$50.00			

May 6.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer, for blind girl	\$5.00
	Paid per receipts, Miss Poorbaugh, for Girl's School	17.15

Kaneko Memorial.

1895.	Dec. 16.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$125.00	
1896.	Feb. 13.	" " " "	59.37	
	Apr. 20.	" " " "	25.00	
	May 6.	" " " "	53.50	
	July 13.	" " " "	120.00	
	Aug. 22.	" " " "	5.00	
	Sept. 21.	" " " "	25.00	
	Sept. 29.	" " " "	200.00	\$612.87
Total receipts			\$10,777.14	
Total disbursements			9,909.87	
Cash on hand.....				\$867.27
To be disbursed as follows:				
Kaneko Memorial			\$5.00	
Rev. A. K. Miller.....			10.00	
Sunday School Board.....			22.75	
Foreign Missions			183.87	
Apportionment fund			645.65	\$867.27
Synod's indebtedness to Jacob Byers, with interest to date is.....			\$318.47	
The following Classes are still in arrears on the Wichita fund:				
Somerset Classis			\$125.00	
Allegheny Classis			325.00	\$450.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER, Treasurer.

II.—Report of Ex-Treasurer C. M. Boush, on Moneys Tied Up in the Dick Bank.

Item 13, Minutes of Synod, on Saturday called for report of moneys tied up in the Dick Bank. The ex-Treasurer, C. M. Boush, was not present and no report was received by the Synod. Elder Boush was accordingly continued.

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report on Monday evening. The report was considered item by item, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully audited the Treasurer's report, and compared it with the vouchers, and find it correct. There is a balance of \$867.27 in the Treasurer's hands.

It is gratifying to note that Westmoreland, Clarion and Somerset Classes have overpaid their apportionments, and Allegheny paid in full. St. Paul's Classis is in arrears \$315 on the regular apportionment.

We find two of the Classes still in arrears on the Wichita Endowment Fund, viz:

Somerset Classis	\$125
Allegheny	325
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	\$450

Of this amount \$318.47 is still due Jacob Byers, on which Synod pays interest.

On the Foreign Mission apportionment the following Classes are in arrears:

Westmoreland Classis	\$397.85
Clarion Classis	278.50
St. Paul's Classis	376.58
Allegheny Classis	54.74

The following items have been referred to your committee for apportionment on the several Classes:

Beneficiary Education	\$1,100
Church Extension	1,000
Home Missions	4,500
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.....	450
Harbor Missions	90
Ministerial Relief	350
Contingent Fund for Theological Seminary.....	100
Contingent Fund for Dr. Rupp.....	100
Contingent expenses	375
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	\$8,065

To meet the amounts thus assigned, we recommend the following apportionments:

Westmoreland Classis	\$2,145
Clarion Classis	1,765
Somerset Classis	1,740
St. Paul's Classis.....	1,275
Allegheny Classis	1,040
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	\$8,065

For Foreign Missions we make the following apportionments:

Westmoreland Classis ...	\$700
Clarion Classis	550
St. Paul's Classis.....	400
Somerset Classis	550
Allegheny Classis	400
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	\$2,600

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. GARNER,	S. B. MASE,
U. O. H. KERSCHNER,	J. H. KUHN,
	H. L. HARTZFELT.

ARTICLE XX.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at last meeting, and called up by item 1, of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, reported on Friday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology beg leave to report: That during the year no deaths have occurred in the ministry of our Church within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. KREMER,

A. M. SCHAFFNER.

ARTICLE XXI.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**I.—Report of the Sunday School Boards.**

The Sunday School Board of Pittsburgh Synod reported on Friday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Sunday School Board reports as follows:

Two meetings of the Board were held during the year. The first at Butler, in connection with the last annual meeting of Synod, at which Rev. A. M. Keifer was elected president, Rev. D. N. Harnish, secretary, and Rev. C. M. Hartzell, treasurer. The second meeting was held today, at which this report was adopted.

It is with gratitude that this Board is able to report marked progress in the Sunday School work of Synod.

During the past year, for the first time, conventions were held within the bounds of all the Classes of the Synod. In all these conventions much interest was manifested by pastors and people. It is the general opinion that these conventions are doing much good in the way of developing new plans and better views on this work.

The Board is pleased to report that better and more complete statistics have been gathered during the past year than any previous year of this Board's work. Four of the Classes have sent in full statistical reports and only one of our Classes has not complied with the instructions of this Synod.

The Board wishes to call the attention of Synod to the fact that our Sunday School work has undergone a change. The plans and present organized work of General Synod's Board has left little for this Board to do.

The Classical Sunday School committees are in direct communication with the Secretary of the General Synod's Board, hence our Board is in a position to do little. This, no doubt, will be for the best interest of the Sunday School work.

The term of Rev. A. M. Keifer as a member of this Board from St. Paul's Classis, expires with this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER.

II.—A Communication from General Synod's Sunday School Board.

Under item 8, of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was received a communication from the Sunday School Board of General Synod. The report was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools, and is as follows:

To the several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your attention to the general Sunday School work will be called through the action of the General Synod on the subject.

It is with gratitude to God that we record the fact since the meeting of the General Synod it has been possible to carry out its directions with respect to the consolidation and unification of Sunday School publications.

The Board of Publication of the three English Eastern Synods and the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, loyal to the expressed wish of the Church, transferred their respective interests in the Sunday School publications to General Synod's Sunday School Board. In each instance the action was taken with the utmost good will and unanimity. We believe every section of the Church will approve of this advance step.

The Board, at a meeting held Sept. 24, 1896, at Greensburg, Pa., carefully considered the duties of its enlarged field of operations.

Rev. C. R. Ferner was appointed business manager, with the Eastern office at 1025 Arch street, Philadelphia, and the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, were appointed the Western agents. The General Secretary continues to reside at Reading, Pa., and a plan for closer co-operation with the German Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, is in progress.

The Board decided to consolidate the several Sunday School papers, and January 1, 1897, will issue for the main Department of the Sunday School *Leaves of Light*, as a weekly, with a semi-monthly and monthly edition.

Sunshine will be issued weekly for the Primary Department. There will be added at the same time for the little children, a series of beautifully colored and finely executed picture cards,

to be known as "Heidelberg Lesson Pictures," and for the entire school, Heidelberg Picture Roll.

The Board, appreciating the importance and value of aiding the teachers of the children and youth and of stimulating interest in Bible study and Sunday School work, proposes to issue *The Heidelberg Teacher* as a monthly instead of a quarterly, thus giving fully one-third additional matter without increasing the cost of the subscription price. But to do this, *The Teacher* must have a circulation of 10,000 copies. The present circulation is 6,100.

The Board has decided to sacredly use all Children's Day offerings for Sunday School Mission work, and the extension of Reformed schools. The Department of Publication will bear all expenses of administration, and will aid in the way of grants of literature. The field of Sunday School Missions is enlarging and calls to engage in the work, are coming from every part of the Church.

In view of these facts, the Board earnestly recommends the following for your consideration, and trusts that through the several Classes, pastors and consistories, and Sunday Schools will have their attention called to the same:

1. Let every Reformed Sunday School be requested to use the Sunday School lesson helps and Sunday School papers prepared and published for the Church. Denominational loyalty, the creation and improvement of a Reformed Church literature, and the extension of the Church alike require it.

2. Let our churches and schools be urged to pay special attention to the teaching and training of the little children in the Church school, in connection with the work in the home and catechetical class. And to that end let the best aids and most approved appliances be used in the Primary Department.

3. Let it be understood that the work of Sunday School Missions depends for its support upon the offerings of Children's Day. The sanction of the General Synod, the growing needs of our Home Mission work, the economy and usefulness of Sunday School Missions as a factor in Church extension, are few of the many cogent reasons in favor of larger offerings from every school of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President*.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Gen. Secretary*.

READING, PA., Oct. 1, 1896.

III.—A Communication from the American Bible Society.

Under item 14, of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read a communication from the American Bible Society. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools, and is as follows:

NEW YORK, September 30, 1896.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—On behalf of the American Bible Society, I respectfully ask your attention to the following statement and memorial:

We believe the Reformed Church recognizes its responsibility to provide every person within the sphere of its influence with the sacred Scriptures, and in common with Christian people of other names, employs the agency of the American Bible Society, whose sole object is to promote a wider circulation of the Scriptures in this and foreign lands. Although undenominational, it depends upon collections from the churches and gifts from individuals for the means with which to carry on its great work. Never in the history of this Society, which was organized in 1816, were there such opportunities for circulating the Scriptures. As you will see from the documents which accompany this memorial, our work extends to nearly every land where American missionaries are laboring, while the churches do not furnish the means to enable the Society successfully to prosecute its work.

Such ecclesiastical bodies as the Methodist Episcopal Church (North and South) and the Presbyterian Church (North and South) have commended the American Bible Society to the generous support of their churches, and have assigned it a place among their own boards, reporting the collections in their official minutes.

We respectfully request your venerable body to take similar action, with the hope that the General Synod, when it convenes, will follow the particular Synods in this matter.

Yours cordially and fraternally,

ALEX. MCLEAN, *Cor. Secretary.*

IV.—Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools reported on Monday morning. The report was considered by items. The items were severally, and the report as a whole, adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—There were placed in the hands of your committee the reports of General Synod's Sunday School Board, the Board of Pittsburgh Synod, and a communication from the American Bible Society.

It is with gratitude that we record the progress of this important branch of the Church's work within the bounds of the Synod. We note in the report of the Pittsburgh Synod's Board that Sunday School Conventions were held for the first time in all the Classes of the Synod and a marked degree of interest manifest in the same.

Item 1. We recommend that the attention of the Classes be called to the action of General Synod in the unification of our Sunday School publications and that all the Reformed Sunday Schools be urged to use the Sunday School literature prepared and published by the Reformed Church General Synod's Board.

Item 2. Recognizing the growing need and importance of Sunday School Mission work and that the offering of Children's Day hereafter is to be entirely devoted to the same, we recommend that even a more liberal offering be made on the annual Children's Day.

Item 3. We urge that an increased attention be given to the work of the Primary Department of the Sunday School.

Item 4. We recommend the American Bible Society to the generous support of the congregations of the Synod.

Item 5. We recommend that the statistical blanks prepared by General Synod's Board be used by all the Classes, that we may have full and complete statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WAGONER,
J. C. HORNING,

J. D. HUNSICKER,
WM. BORTZ,
WM. FLAUGH.

ARTICLE XXII.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

During the session Saturday morning the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, under item 3, reported the appeal of Dr. N. L. K. Kline from the action of Westmoreland Classis. This item was referred to a special committee (See Art. X.) The committee, on Saturday afternoon, offered the following report, which was adopted, viz:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee to whom was submitted certain papers, including item 3, of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, pertaining to the appeal of Elder N. L. K. Kline from the action of Westmoreland Classis in confirming a call from the Scottdale charge to Rev. E. D. Meixell, respectfully report:

That we have examined the papers, and find that the appellant did not lodge the reasons of his appeal with the President of Westmoreland Classis within the prescribed time of 10 days after action was taken by Westmoreland Classis, and therefore find the appeal not in order.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH,
F. WETZEL, DAVID BYERS.

**Report of the Committee to Defend Synod in the Bates
Appeal Case.**

Under item 15, of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, on Saturday morning the special committee, appointed at last meeting to defend Synod, reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee appointed to defend the action of Synod in the Bates appeal case before General Synod, assembled in Dayton, Ohio, May 27th, 1896, respectfully report that they attended to the duty. The verdict of General Synod sustained the action of Pittsburgh Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BOUSH,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

**I.—Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and
Their Widows.**

On Friday morning, under item 19 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, the following communication was read and referred to a special committee on the Daniel Stein Memorial Home. For committee, see action on item 3, Art. IX.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: I herewith transmit to your venerable body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," for the year closing September 30th, 1896.

Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the Synod, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Westmoreland Classis	\$199.28
Clarion Classis	65.00
Allegheny Classis	35.00
St. Paul's Classis.....	21.21
Somerset Classis	20.00
From Treasurer Synod.....	325.00
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	\$665.49

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to three Annuitants.....	\$550.00
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With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am yours fraternally in Christ Jesus,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

MT. PLEASANT, MD., Sept. 30th, 1896.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers, presents for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year closing Sept. 30th 1896:

RECEIPTS.

To amt. in Treasury as per last report.....	\$3,376.63
" " from interest on investments.....	2,721.00
" " " matured loans	1,900.00
" " " collections in the churches.....	1,756.09
" " " royalty on church hymnal.....	990.75
" " " miscellaneous sources	396.64
" " " Pittsburgh Synod, special.....	325.00
" " " Daniel Stine Memorial Home..	166.42
" " " bequest from J. B. Fisher, esq..	95.00
Total.....	\$11,727.61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for investments.....	\$4,600.00
Paid to Annuitants.....	2,574.58
Paid for expenses.....	168.72
Amt. in Treasury Sept. 30, 1896.....	4,384.31
Total.....	\$11,727.61
Invested Fund	\$35,250.00

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. H. J. Ruetenik, D.D., L. W. Showers, Wm. Renter, John F. Moyer, John H. Stepler, DD., O. P. Schellhmer, Geo. B. Russell, D.D., Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Dennis B. Shuey, Eusebins H. Dieffenbacher, John T. Balliet, John Wolbach, John Schmalz, Atvill Conner, Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, Wm. C. Sykes, John Dotterer, Calvin E. Bartholomew, Henry K. Binkley, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Christian W. Summey, Chas. R. Ferner, Michael Loucks, D.D., Edward Herbruck, D.D., Joseph Sechler and Wm. H. Groh.

Annual Members.—Revs. Philip Steinhage, Jacob D. Bühler and Ludwig W. Zenke.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

II.—Report of the Board of Managers of the Daniel Stein Memorial Home.

On Thursday afternoon, under item 3. of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read a communication from the President of the Board of Managers of the Daniel Stein Memorial

Home. The report was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Wm. Rupp, D.D., F. Wetzel, and Elder A. H. List, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The undersigned desire hereby to call the attention of your reverend body to the Daniel Stein Memorial Home, located at Myerstown, Pa. As is generally known, the Home is the gift of Mrs. Linda Kaub, of Philadelphia, Pa., to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States. Its object is to afford a home, food and clothing for aged ministers and their wives and the widows of ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, who may have been reduced to want or helplessness by old age or otherwise. The property is valuable and is in every respect well adapted for the purpose for which it is intended. It will be a delightful home for such of the Lord's servants as may find themselves in need of such a retreat, after the trials and toils of their active ministry are over.

Though the Home was formally dedicated on the 9th of June last, it has not yet been opened for occupancy for the reason that the present Board of Managers thought it proper to submit their plans, etc., to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows before taking such a step. It is expected, however, that it will be in readiness for the reception of inmates soon after the annual meeting of the Society, which will be held at Altoona, Pa., Oct. 13, 1896.

Already inquiries have been made as to terms of admission, etc., so that it seems apparent that there will be persons to be cared for as soon as we shall be ready to receive them. For the means wherewith to carry forward the work we must look to the charitably disposed in the Church. Several free will offerings have come into our hands. Some friends have furnished rooms, and we expect still others to do the same. But we will need a considerably larger number of gifts as soon as we shall upon our doors for the reception of inmates.

We need not enlarge on the sacredness of the trust which the Lord has committed to our hands. "They which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar. Even so the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel." Should not they then, who have given their lives to the preaching of the Gospel, and whom old age or misfortune have left in want or helplessness, be tenderly cared for by the Church?

We invoke the sympathy, the prayers and the alms of your reverend body in behalf of this new enterprise of the Church. That it may be regularly and properly brought to the attention of our people, we respectfully ask you to commend it to the

prayers and charities of the Classes and congregations within your bounds. We believe that, as the Lord has given this Home to the Church, He will raise up helpers for its maintenance; but we need your help and co-operation to bring it to the attention of His people. We are respectfully

Your servants in the Lord,

J. DAVID MILLER,

President of the Board of Managers.

WM. C. SCHAFFER, *Secretary.*

DUNCANNON, PA., Oct. 1st, 1896.

III.—Report of the Special Committee on Foregoing Reports.

The special committee to whom the foregoing reports were referred reported on Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Managers of the Daniel Stein Memorial Home and the report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, would respectfully offer the following report:

The history of the gift of the Daniel Stein Memorial Home to the Reformed Church by Mrs. Linda Kaub is familiar to the minds of the members of Synod, and your committee, therefore, does not deem it necessary to enter into any account of it. In reference to this matter we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have heard with profound gratitude of this noble benefaction, and that we heartily commend this institution to the prayers and liberality of our people.

The report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows states that the total receipts of the Society during the last year from all sources was \$11,727.60. The amount paid to annuitants was \$2,574.58. The amount contributed by this Synod was \$665.40. The amount paid annuitants within the Synod was \$550.00. We offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That we again commend this Society to the liberality of our people; and we recommend to our pastors, through the Classes, that offerings be taken in all our congregations for the benefit of the Society on or about the first Sunday after Thanksgiving day.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RUPP,

F. WETZEL,

A. H. LIST.

IV.—Report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, Thursday morning read a communication from the President of the Board of Trus-



tees of Wichita University. The report was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., A. J. Heller, D.D., and Elder J. E. Kunkel. The communication is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Ten years ago the three Eastern Synods, in response to an appeal, agreed to contribute as follows: Eastern Synod, five thousand dollars; Potomac Synod, four thousand dollars; Pittsburgh Synod, three thousand dollars, toward endowing a Reformed Institution at Wichita, Kansas.

This was raised mainly by individuals and congregations, and the balance by the various Classes of your Synods.

The larger portion of this endowment fund was loaned on real estate, for which first mortgages were taken as security. The income of this endowment was used to pay salaries of teachers.

Certain individuals at Wichita promised to raise twenty-five thousand dollars for a building fund. After the contemplated fifteen thousand dollars for endowment fund had been raised, five individuals at Wichita, viz: Henry Schweiter, W. L. Dixon, C. S. Eichholtz, Stites brothers, and M. L. Hutchings, entered into an agreement with the Board of Trustees of Wichita University to raise the above promised twenty-five thousand dollars, by signing a legal bond to that effect.

After the above guarantors had raised and paid into our treasury \$10,344.85 of the above promised \$25,000 they refused to contribute any more because the boom in real estate began to decline.

Inasmuch as the building, for which we had contracted, was then completed at a cost of about \$21,000, the Board was constrained to borrow \$10,000 to pay the liens on the building. This amount was secured from the Wilhelm estate by W. H. Bridenbaugh, an attorney of Wichita, and the Board mortgaged its building and grounds for the above amount. A year later we discovered that the said Bridenbaugh had obtained as guarantors, without the knowledge or consent of the Board, for the payment of said mortgage and interest, the names of B. Bausman, Henry Mosser, George F. Baer, C. U. Heilman, D. H. Wingerd, and Lewis Kraemer.

Inasmuch as the Board could not obtain the full amount of \$25,000 for a building fund as above guaranteed, the Board brought suit against the above guarantors, Schweiter, et. al. The judgment in the Common Pleas Court was adverse to the University. The Board appealed the case to the Supreme Court of the State of Kansas. After waiting four years, the case was heard, and the judgment of the lower Court was reversed and the case was remanded to the lower Court for a new trial.

In November, 1893, the District Court of Sedgwick county, Kansas, heard the case. By this time the amount unpaid, \$14,655.15, of the above \$25,000 guaranteed, with interest, would have been at least \$18,000. The defendants set up a claim as an offset the 20 acres of ground which C. C. Fees had donated to us as a campus, as a part of the amount covered by the bond given by them. This view, no doubt, was taken by the jury, and likely the further view that all contracts made in boom days should be null and void whenever there was a possibility to escape their fulfillment. Hence the jury gave us a judgment for \$4,555.15, which was afterwards collected from a few of the guarantors, the others by this time having become insolvent.

But the troubles of the Institution were not yet ended. Besides losing heavily on the investment made at Wichita, by depreciation of values and property and consequent foreclosures of our mortgages and being compelled to take in the properties mortgaged to us, we unexpectedly awoke to the fact that the State National bank had closed its doors in insolvency. Its President, L. D. Skinner, was the treasurer of our Board and kept our funds in his hands on deposit in said bank. He had in his hands \$1,032, besides having just issued a draft for \$1,500 in favor of D. B. Shuey, who had negotiated for two loans of \$750 each on two farms near Emporia. This was on Saturday afternoon. On the Monday morning following the bank failed to open its doors and consequently we failed to have the draft honored in Kansas City, and it with the \$1,032 was tied up in a suspended bank, from which we have as yet realized nothing.

In the meantime the mortgage in the East given by the University became due, whereupon, the Board, seeing its inability to pay the same, offered the building and grounds of the University to the guarantors of said mortgage, G. F. Baer, et. al. In response to this offer we received the following communication:

"We still think that the legal and moral obligation resting upon the Wichita University is to apply every dollar of property and assets, whether you call it endowment fund or not, in the liquidation of this debt. After this is done it will be time enough to discuss what further relief the guarantors should give you. For the present, we decline as we have heretofore declined, to accept a tender of the deed in satisfaction of the obligations we have incurred; and we also decline to accept the payments you suggest in full satisfaction of the mortgage.

"If you gentlemen will secure, or co-operate with us in securing action of the three Synods, authorizing you to apply this money in payment of the debt to us, whatever balance remains unpaid we will cheerfully cancel and then you will own

the buildings and grounds, free from debt and subject to the uses and purposes of the Synods for the future."

(Signed)

GEORGE F. BAER.

In behalf and with approval of guarantors.

At a meeting of the Board, held December 17th, 1895, this proposition was fully considered, and the Board, as representatives of the Church, and working for its interest only, without having anything personal in it, could see no other course before it than to accept the offer. The following resolutions were, therefore, adopted:

WHEREAS, The guarantors, through Geo. F. Baer, have submitted to us a proposition of compromise as reported in their letter of November 23d, 1895, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees accept their proposition, with the modifications as embodied in the following resolutions: On motion,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Wichita University hereby tender the guarantors all the balance of the money in their hands recovered from the judgment of Schweiter, et. al., after the professors and other claims against the University have been paid, and further,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees are ready to submit and recommend to the three Synods of the East and the Synod of the Interior the proposition of turning over to the guarantors, Geo. F. Baer and others, the balance of the Endowment Fund in our hands, or as much of it as shall be required to cancel the claim of said guarantors, and to transfer to the said guarantors said balance of the Endowment Fund if the Synods so direct, provided, the said guarantors in consideration of the above, release said mortgage of \$10,000, with all interest on the same, and waive all and every further claim against Wichita University and the Board of Trustees of the same.

The Board of Wichita University herewith also submits to the Synods the statement of the assets of said Institution:

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Mortgage loans in force:

E. Bronson	\$425.00	
E. C. Hartzell.....	250.00	
Park Morse	400.00	
Barbara Pease	450.00	
E. M. Finch	800.00	
C. C. Fees.....	200.00	
J. A. Stratton.....	300.00	
J. B. Saffer.....	500.00	
J. E. Wootton.....	600.00	
D. B. Wathall	750.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	340.63	\$5,015.63

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTIES TAKEN.

Mattie Bates, property..... 250.00

Mattie Bates, property.....	250.00	
C. S. Eichholtz, property.....	900.00	
J. C. Bundy, property.....	175.00	
H. S. Collett, property.....	300.00	
J. F. Wallace.....	300.00	\$2,175.00
In hands of Receiver of State National Bank.....		<u>\$2,532.00</u>
Total assets		\$9,722.63

All of the above is herewith submitted for your careful consideration, by direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

(Signed)

D. B. SHUEY, *President.*

WICHITA, KANSAS, Sept. 21st, 1896.

V.—A Communication from the Guarantors of a Mortgage Given by Wichita University.

Under item 2, of the Standing Committee on Overtures, on Thursday morning was read a communication from the guarantors of a mortgage given by Wichita University. The communication was referred to the special committee to which item 1 was referred, as seen in the foregoing report. It is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Pennsylvania and guarantors for the payment of a certain mortgage given by the Wichita University of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, hereby beg leave to submit the following proposition to your Synod, asking your favorable action, under the circumstances hereafter detailed, as you may deem right and proper. The following statement of facts will give you, we think, the necessary basis to take the action which we request:

In February, 1890, the Wichita University, which at that time was seriously embarrassed for the need of funds to discharge existing mechanics' liens resting upon their finished building at Wichita, Kansas, through an attorney at law, W. H. Bridenbaugh, esq., who represented himself as attorney for the Board of said University, obtained a loan of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, secured by first mortgage upon real estate and the University building, property of said corporation; said mortgage being duly executed by the University authorities, payable at the expiration of five years from February 25th, 1890, with interest thereon at the rate of six (6) per cent. per annum.

In order to secure the money required, it was necessary to give the party who furnished the money a personal guaranty that the contract as made would be fully complied with; and, in pursuance thereof, the following paper was duly executed and delivered to the mortgagee:

WHEREAS, Charles W. Wilhelm, administrator, of the City of Reading, County of Berks, and State of Pennsylvania, has loaned to Wichita University of the Reformed Church in the United States the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, payable five years after date, with the option of paying the same at the expiration of three years after date of said loan, with interest thereon at the rate of six (6) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; and,

WHEREAS, The said loan has been secured by a bond and mortgage, dated February 25th, 1890, and executed by the proper authorities of the said Wichita University, as fully set forth by said mortgage duly recorded in Wichita, Kansas.

Now, therefore, Know all men by these presents that we, B. Bausman, H. Mosser, George F. Baer, Louis Kraemer, C. U. Hellman, and D. H. Wingerd, of the State of Pennsylvania, in consideration of the loan upon the mortgage aforesaid, and in further consideration of the sum of one dollar to each of us paid by the said Charles W. Wilhelm, administrator, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby guarantee the payment of the said mortgage and accompanying bond, with interest thereon, according to the tenor and effect thereof, as the same may become due, and for the amounts opposite our respective names, to wit:

B. Bausman	\$2,000
H. Mosser	1,000
Geo. F. Baer.....	2,000
Louis Kraemer	1,000
C. U. Heilman.....	3,000
D. H. Wingerd.....	1,000

And for the true performance of the said guaranty, we, and each of us, do hereby bind ourselves, our, and each of our, heirs, executors, and administrators, to the extent of the amount set opposite our respective names as above, with interest thereon, payable semi-annually, in accordance with the provisions of the bond and mortgage aforesaid, in case default shall be made at any time by the said Wichita University of the Reformed Church in the United States.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our respective hands and seals, this day of March, A. D. 1890.

Attest:—

B. BAUSMAN,	[SEAL.]	LOUIS KRAEMER,	[SEAL.]
H. MOSSER,	[SEAL.]	C. U. HEILMAN,	[SEAL.]
GEORGE F. BAER.	[SEAL.]	D. H. WINGERD.	[SEAL.]

The attorney above mentioned, at the time of securing the loan, represented that, through securing the amount of ten thousand dollars, the University authorities would be enabled to discharge all the liens upon the property, and save a very considerable sum of money by reason of scaling its indebted-

ness to certain parties, through prompt payment, and also that the income of the University would, at the end of the first six (6) months or a year from the time of securing the loan, be sufficient to pay the accruing interest promptly, and practically secure the fulfillment of the objects for which the University coporation was originally begun.

The above named guarantors, willing to assist the object in view, gave the required security, and thus the money was obtained and the matter was closed, so far as they were concerned, until the first payment of interest fell due, in August, 1890, when, as the University authorities were unable to pay the interest, it was paid by the guarantors in proportion to the amount of the individual guaranty of each, and from that time to the present, owing to the difficulties under which the University suffered from time to time in its finances, it has been necessary for the guarantors to pay the interest at each semi-annual period up to the present date.

The mortgage itself is overdue; and when payment is demanded by the present holder, as may be done at any time, it must be met, principal and interest, and if not paid by the University authorities, must be paid by the guarantors.

We are informed that some report will be made to your body by the University authorities, as we requested should be done, giving you the full details of the entire transaction up to the present time; and, therefore, it is not necessary for us to go further than to request the action which we deem proper and right upon your part in the premises.

Inasmuch as our action as guarantors was necessary to enable the University to reap the advantages they desired, and was, so far as we are concerned, a matter of favor and not of profit, we think that, having done all in our power to make the institution a success, you, as the body which chiefly assisted in its original endowment, ought to save us, if possible, from pecuniary loss, by reason of our subsequent assistance, and devote the assests which were orignially intended to further the cause of education to the payment of this debt which so materially contributed to preserve the life of the institution while it lasted. The fact of its failure is a disappointment to us as individuals and members of the Reformed Church; but we do not think that any pecuniary loss should be visited upon us as long as there is any property, intended for the furtherance of the original object, which could be applied to the payment of the debt.

We, therefore, request that your reverend body authorize the authorities of the Wichita University to devote whatever personal assets and securities there may be at command to the payment of this first mortgage debt, with interest, as the

may be found due, in order that we may be relieved from the liability of our guaranty as above set forth. We suggest that our request is not only a reasonable and proper one, but that it is well founded in law and could be enforced by legal process; but we much prefer to have the voluntary action of your body to relieve the situation than to enforce our views by any other method. We shall withhold all further action in the matter until we receive a final answer from your body at this meeting.

B. BAUSMAN,

GEORGE F. BAER,
H. MOSSER,

LOUIS KRAEMER,
D. H. WINGERD.

VI.—Report of the Special Committee on Foregoing Reports.

The committee, to whom the foregoing reports concerning Wichita University were referred, reported on Saturday morning. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

We, the undersigned committee, to which items 1 and 2, of the Standing Committee on Overtures, were referred, beg leave to report that after considering the matters stated in said items 1 and 2, we believe that the proper course to pursue is to accept the proposition of the guarantors of the mortgage of ten thousand (10,000) dollars against the Wichita University under certain conditions, which we understand they formerly proposed, and which we are informed by Dr. Shuey they will agree to.

To carry this action into effect, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Wichita University of the Reformed Church in the United States be allowed, and they are hereby authorized and directed to use the part of the Endowment Fund of said Institution belonging to, or which was contributed by this, the Pittsburgh Synod of the said Church for the purpose, First: Of paying the balance due the professors of said University and other claims against the same, then to turn over the money or securities of the said Endowment Fund to said guarantors, B. Bausman, H. Mosser, George F. Baer, Louis Kraemer, C. U. Heilman and D. H. Wingerd.

Provided, however, that the said guarantors, the persons last named, do pay and satisfy the mortgage and bond heretofore given by the Trustees of the said University to Charles W. Wilhelm, administrator, dated Feb. 25, 1890, and for the payment of which bond and mortgage the said persons last named are guarantors, so that the said Board of Trustees of said University of Wichita shall hold the grounds and buildings thereon erected, free and clear of the said bond and mortgage and free

and clear of all claims or demands whatsoever either by the said guarantors or said Charles W. Wilhelm, administrator.

And Provided also, nevertheless, that this action is not to be taken by the said Board of Trustees until similar action has been taken by the Eastern and Potomac Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, directing that their part of the said Endowment Fund shall be applied to the purposes herein set forth.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to forward a copy of this action, under seal of Synod, to the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate this action to both the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER,

A. E. TRUXAL, J. E. KUNKEL.

VII.—Report of the Committee to Whom Was Referred a Communication from the Anti-Saloon League.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 15, read a report from the American Anti-Saloon League. The report was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. R. Kremer, D.D., F. J. Muehe, and Elder P. Klingler. The committee reported on Saturday afternoon. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee, to whom was referred a communication from the "American Anti-Saloon League," beg leave to report as follows:

From the papers accompanying this communication we learn that the object of the League is the suppression of the liquor saloon; and that this Synod is asked to join in the movement, and to be represented at its convention by delegates. After careful consideration of the subject in its various bearings, your committee offer the following resolution as the deliverance of Synod:

Resolved, That, while Synod heartily sympathizes with all lawful efforts looking toward the suppression of the saloon, it does not see its way clear to at this time comply with the request of the "American Anti-Saloon League" to elect delegates to its approaching convention.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. MUEHE,

P. KLINGLER.

A. R. KREMER,

VIII.—Instruction to Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to forward above action to the "American Anti-Saloon League," at Washington, D. C.

On Monday afternoon the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic is the cause and occasion for an immense amount of evil and wickedness, misery and distress, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod reiterates the actions taken at various previous meetings—that the members of our Church ought not to encourage the liquor business by signing petitions for license, much less by engaging in the traffic in any way.

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to direct its pastors to call the attention of their people to this action and to admonish those who in any manner violate the same.

IX.—Resolution Regarding Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

On Friday afternoon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Revs. A. K. Kline, J. F. Snyder and J. M. Evans be appointed a committee to attend to the interests and comforts of our sorely afflicted brother, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

X.—Greeting to the Eastern Synod.

The following greeting was telegraphed the Eastern Synod, in session at Allentown, Pa., on Friday morning:

Pittsburgh Synod—the Daughter—in her 27th annual session sends greetings to the Eastern Synod—the Mother—in her 150th anniversary. See Phil. 4: 23.

S. T. WAGNER, *President*.

XI.—Salutation from the Eastern Synod.

The following salutation was received from the Eastern Synod on Friday afternoon:

BETHLEHEM, PA., Oct. 9, 1896.

To Rev. S. T. Wagner, President Pittsburgh Synod, Latrobe, Pa.:

The Mother Synod returns cordial salutation and prays that grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

HENRY M. KEIFFER, *President*.

XII.—Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence.

On Friday afternoon the President appointed Revs. H. Dieckmann, A. M. Keifer, and Elder Henry Biehl a committee on Leave of Absence. This committee reported on Monday evening. The report was adopted and ordered to be recorded, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully reports that the following members of Synod were excused at the times herein stated:

Friday Morning—Rev. F. M. Line and Elder John Fox.
Friday Afternoon—Rev. F. J. Muehe and Elder J. M. Byers.
Saturday Morning—Rev. John C. Horning, and Elders John

Sell, W. W. Wallace, A. O. Eberhart, J. M. Conroy and G. W. Cline. *Saturday Afternoon*—Elders A. C. Lepley and Conrad Wagner. *Monday Morning*—Revs. C. W. Summey and C. L. Alspach, and Elders John Reiter, S. B. Adams, W. Flaugh, W. J. Wiester, Jacob Byers, A. W. Nicely and Jacob Brinker. *Monday Afternoon*—Revs. A. R. Kremer, D.D., J. J. Wagoner, Franklin Wetzel, P. C. Prugh, D.D., and A. C. Snyder, Ph.D., and Elders P. Klingler and John Reimold. *Monday Evening*—Revs. C. Gumbert, E. D. Meixell, R. E. Crum, L. Cort, D. H. Leader, H. Dieckmann and C. Knepper, and Elders M. H. Silter, T. Armigost, C. Baker, A. Leonard, James Kifer and C. Kameroner.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER,
HENRY DIECKMANN, H. BIEHL.

XIII.—Time and Place of Next Meeting.

On Friday morning Synod proceeded to select the time and place of next meeting.

It was resolved to meet in General Convention the first Wednesday in October (6th), 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Invitations were extended by Trinity Reformed church, Wilkinsburg; St. Peter's Reformed church, St. Petersburg, Pa., and the Reformed church at Salsbury, Pa. The second ballot resulted in the selection of Trinity Reformed church, Wilkinsburg, Pa., and it was decided that when we adjourn finally, we adjourn to meet in said church.

XIV.—Instructions to the Treasurer.

On Monday evening the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Byers note—loaned on account of Wichita University—and to pay Rev. C. M. Hartzell, the *pastor loci*, the sum of ten dollars, to defray incidental expenses.

XV.—Report of the Reporters.

On Thursday morning Revs. E. S. Hassler, W. H. Tussing, J. N. Naly, A. K. Kline, A. M. Schmidt and H. W. Bright were appointed to report the proceedings of Synod. They reported on Monday evening. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Press Committee would report that, in accordance with your instructions, the proceedings of this meeting of Synod were furnished the *Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette*, *Times*, *Dispatch* and *Post*, and the *Greensburg* and *Latrobe* papers.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

At the opening of every session the roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes were read, corrected

and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of Synod.

Resolutions of Thanks

The following resolutions were adopted at Monday evening's session:

Resolved, That Pittsburgh Synod hereby expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the members of Christ's Reformed church and others of Latrobe, who have so kindly thrown open their hospitable homes and given us, the representatives of Synod, one and all, such a warm welcome and made our sojourn among them so pleasant.

Resolved, That Pastor Hartzell be instructed to read the above resolution from his pulpit at the earliest opportunity.

Resolved, further, That the warmest thanks of Synod be and hereby are, extended to the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Pittsburgh, Shenango & Lake Erie railroads for their special favors in furnishing excursion rates over their respective lines to this annual meeting, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to communicate this action to the proper authorities.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be extended the choir and soloists of Christ's Reformed church for the sweet music rendered.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered the *Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette*, *Times*, *Dispatch*, *Post*, and the *Greensburg* and *Latrobe* papers, through the respective correspondents, for publishing accounts of the proceedings of this meeting.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned finally at 9:45 o'clock P. M., Oct. 12th, 1896, to meet in *General Convention* in Trinity Reformed church, Wilkinsburg, Pa., on the first Wednesday in October (the 6th day), A. D. 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Synod closed with divine services, singing the Gloria in Excelsis, repeating the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, singing the Long Metre Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

SAMUEL T. WAGNER, *President*,
J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy of the original minutes.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS, for the Year ending May 13, 1896.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Contributions.														Contributions to		Church Expenses.		Post Office Address.			
		Constitutional.	Members.	Membership Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Conf. ned.	Children & or Renewal.	Confirmed.	Discharged.	Excommunicated.	Excesses.	Deaths.	no day schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		Church Papers.	School Papers.	
Jacob P. Snyder.....	Emmanuel	1	290	294	56	8	12	9	260	10	0	13	7	1	18	265	0	\$50.00	1550.00	40	150	Manor Dale, West'd Co., Pa.	
C. R. Mertenbacher, D. D.,	Latrobe	1	247	297	53	3	25	9	5.0	23	0	15	16	1	32	345	1	1700.00	3023.69	40	300	Greensburg, West'd Co., Pa.	
Cyrus M. Hartell.....	Scottsdale	8	805	170	12	4	16	11	295	18	0	2	3	2	32	330	0	361.40	1647.62	60	125	Latrobe, West'd Co., Pa.	
Charles R. Farmer (a)...	Scottsdale	3	220	100	3	11	23	12	196	1	0	4	4	2	26	224	0	265.00	1097.00	20	150	Scottsdale, West'd Co., Pa.	
John N. Fauman.....	Jennette	1	223	157	12	7	10	44	110	2	0	3	2	1	12	164	0	265.00	1307.00	25	60	Jennette, West'd Co., Pa.	
J. Harvey Mckley.....	Jennette	1	136	130	20	0	4	16	127	7	0	0	5	1	13	120	0	56.00	856.00	14	125	Johnstown, Cambria Co., Pa.	
David A. Sanders.....	Jennette	2	245	259	24	5	29	9	231	10	0	0	7	2	21	224	0	471.00	1167.00	101	125	Irwin, West'd Co., Pa.	
Christian W. Summy.....	Free Run.....	3	207	203	17	4	13	14	253	7	0	21	5	2	23	293	0	234.00	1071.00	40	75	North Washington, West'd Co., Pa.	
John M. Evans.....	Pennmark Manor.....	3	277	180	12	3	9	3	254	4	0	3	3	2	17	169	2	424.00	1140.00	16	70	Horlison City, West'd Co., Pa.	
Edwin D. Meisell (b)...	Pennmark Unity.....	3	204	140	8	0	3	5	187	15	0	6	4	2	17	160	0	184.00	622.00	16	145	Pennmark Unity, West'd Co., Pa.	
D. Snider Stephan.....	Fourtown	2	199	120	16	1	22	10	177	80	0	14	2	1	18	151	0	216.00	2388.00	50	150	Delmont, West'd Co., Pa.	
Bliss B. Masse.....	21 Greentown.....	1	156	108	5	0	5	5	175	9	0	14	2	1	18	150	1	360.00	1196.00	50	150	Greentown, West'd Co., Pa.	
Thos. B. Land.....	Brush Creek	2	265	101	14	0	26	13	218	3	0	0	4	2	19	188	0	426.00	1312.00	25	225	Major Station, West'd Co., Pa.	
Wm. H. Tusing.....	Wt. Pleasant.....	2	210	119	14	3	14	7	190	6	0	16	2	2	19	187	1	340.00	1196.00	40	170	Wt. Pleasant, West'd Co., Pa.	
Vaunt.....	Harrold's	2	170	155	10	3	3	2	204	7	0	0	3	3	19	145	0	147.50	1332.94	45	180	Greensburg, West'd Co., Pa.	
Yeshah N. Burger.....	Without charge.....																						Salina, West'd Co., Pa.
John McConnell.....	Without charge.....																						Salina, West'd Co., Pa.
Lucien Corl.....	Without charge.....																						Mc. Pleasant, West'd Co., Pa.
Ministers, 15.	Charges, 16.	21	4353	2765	276	45	245	174	3770	1361	0	103	80	23	341	2554	5	6512.90	22394.35	537	3625		

(a) Rev. C. R. Farmer since the annual meeting resigned the Scottsdale charge, his present address is Philadelphia.
 (b) Rev. E. D. Meisell since the annual meeting has received and accepted a call to the Scottsdale charge, his address will be Scottsdale.
 (c) Rev. B. H. Dietzel since the annual meeting has been dismissed to Maryland Classis, Brynd of the Potomac.
 (d) Licensitate D. J. Wolf since the annual meeting has been received from Carlisle Classis and has accepted a call from the newly constituted Rutledge charge.
 Licensitate Takao Mayn, address, New York, N. Y.
 J. F. SNYDER, stated Clerk, Manor Dale, Pa.

CLARION CLASSIS, for the Year ending June 17, 1896.

MINISTERS.	CHURCH.	CONGREGATIONS.										Add-itions.				Commended.	Discontinued.	Expatriated.	Baptism.	Officers & Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students of Ministry.	Contribu-tions.		S. School Papers.	Post Office Address.
		Members.		Males.		Females.		Confirmation.		Catechism.		Benevolence.	Confer-tional.	Church Papers.												
		Un-confirmed.	Confirmed.	Un-confirmed.	Confirmed.	Un-confirmed.	Confirmed.	Un-confirmed.	Confirmed.	Un-confirmed.	Confirmed.				Un-confirmed.								Confirmed.			
Robert C. Bowling	Kittanning	271	166	10	4	9	4	217	4	0	1	22	121	2	\$ 356	\$1225	37	160	Kittanning, Pa.							
Samuel T. Wagner	Beaver	430	247	13	4	22	1	381	4	0	1	22	121	1	537	844	52	385	Monaca, Pa.							
Robert E. Crum	DuBois	296	262	13	0	14	13	259	3	0	6	22	121	0	161	854	40	60	DuBois, Pa.							
Richard F. Gars	Red Bank	374	149	23	0	23	2	352	4	0	36	23	259	0	365	1048	12	24	Hawthorn, Pa.							
Christian Gumbert	South Bend	144	66	3	0	1	0	138	9	0	2	19	115	0	99	576	60	24	Girly, Pa.							
David W. Kerr	St. John's	219	137	14	0	5	6	193	3	0	18	26	271	1	192	1100	35	66	Worthville, Pa.							
Lucien W. Showers	Phum Creek	357	257	29	2	23	27	299	4	0	16	26	271	0	233	634	60	56	Eliderton, Pa.							
John N. Naly	Apollo	131	86	21	9	17	27	117	2	0	16	19	111	0	70	534	9	56	Apollo, Pa.							
John D. Hundelcker	Curtisville	354	297	14	2	23	3	314	5	0	8	48	255	0	359	628	9	74	Curtisville, Pa.							
Henry D. Darbaker	Embleton	194	80	10	5	11	6	174	0	0	4	26	147	0	249	553	23	160	Embleton, Pa.							
U. O. H. Kerschner	St. Petersburg	310	156	19	13	69	14	266	0	0	26	19	211	0	258	683	6	175	St. Petersburg, Pa.							
Vacant	Paradise	470	310	31	1	24	5	357	11	0	4	41	280	1	276	779			Troutville, Pa.							
John O. Shoemaker																			Pittsboro, Pa.							
Wm. C. Houpt																			Venus, Pa.							
Ministers, 13.	Charges, 12.	201	2508	2132	204	59	533	91	8050	49	0	120	681	29	\$3001	\$9300	257	215								

R. M. CRUM, Stated Clerk, DuBois, Pa.



SOMERSET CLASSIS, for the Year ending May 6, 1896.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.																			
		Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Reprobation or	Commenced.	Discontinued.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Murder Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Beneficent Purposes.	Contributions.	(Church Papers.	S. School Papers.	
Benjamin Kuepper....	Wellersburg	4	107	84	29	5	4	5	16	13	2	6	2	7	26	1	\$ 43	\$ 149	2	78	Wellersburg, Pa.
Hiram King	Somerset	4	323	110	16	2	11	5	274	12	9	4	4	42	224	15	278	736	15	110	Somerset, Pa.
Abner R. Kremer, D.D.	Berlin	1	353	193	7	5	20	3	214	12	9	1	1	22	125	1	291	925	15	110	Berlin, Pa.
William Rupp, D.D.	Prof in Theol. Sem																				Lancaster, Pa.
A. C. Snyder, Ph D	Wills Creek	4	370	340	30	2	10	5	317	3	6	1	4	42	314	1	112	541	11	320	Glencoe, Pa.
Samuel C. Long	New Centerville ..	4	255	138	19	4	11	5	168	3	5	6	3	30	204	28	174	770	28	98	Rockwood, Pa.
Albert S. Glessner	Cumberland	3	178	136	8	1	7	6	122	5	5	6	3	29	215	11	95	696	15	140	Cumberland, Md.
*Lewis T. Lampe	Beam	3	193	100	6	2	10	3	155	2	10	2	2	22	120	1	85	476	15	76	Jennerstown, Pa.
Edgar S. Hassler	Wilhelm	2	268	172	22	2	10	3	234	6	10	8	3	22	163	1	209	905	21	70	Kelm, Pa.
Daniel H. Lender	Paradise	2	340	150	19	2	12	3	275	2	34	3	3	34	191	19	263	11345	19	71	Elk Lick, Pa.
Franklin Wetzel	Stoyestown	4	236	103	7	2	3	3	231	12	3	3	2	24	122	25	231	625	25	55	Stoyestown, Pa.
Henry Dieckmann	Bethel Congregat'n	1	23	12	23	2	2	3	19	2	1	1	1	9	65	1	6	97	1	20	Stoyestown, Pa.
Franklin Wetzel	Frostburg	11	233	120	23	2	2	3	300	2	1	2	1	22	190	4	331	1012	4	85	Frostburg, Md.
Albert E. Truxal, D D	Meyersdale	1	339	275	14	3	23	6	321	3	2	7	1	38	267	75	458	1221	75	190	Meyersdale, Pa.
Eugene P. Skyles	Zion	4	349	214	13	3	23	7	263	5	2	5	2	39	121	28	238	663	28	50	Berlin, Pa.
†Harvey S. Nicholson..	Lancaster																				
Ministers, 14	Charges, 13.	38	3557	2200	209	25	147	46	2353	50	62	61	30	365	2352	1	\$ 788	\$ 20184	255	1273	

*Dismissed to Classis of Virginia, May 7, 1896.
 †Dismissed to St. Joseph Classis, June 13, 1896.

EDGAR S. HASSLER, Stated Clerk, Kelm, Somerset County, Pa.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS, for the Year ending May 15, 1896.

		MINISTRY.		Worshipers.		Congregations.		Members.		Unconfirmed.		Infants.		Adults.		Confirmed.		Certificate or Reprofession.		Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Erasure of Names.		Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Officers & Teachers.		B. School Scholars.		Students for Min'y.		Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.		Church Papers.		A. School Papers.		Past Office Address.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			

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Installed June 12, 1906, New Kensington, Pa.
D. N. HARRISH, Guaid Clerk, Butler, Pa.

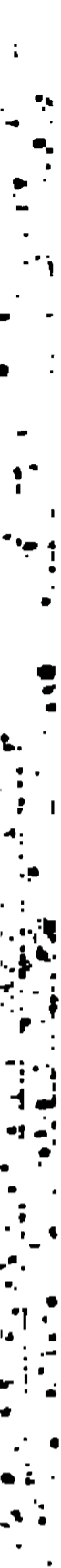
SUMMARY OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD FOR 1886.

TABLES.

	No of Men	No of Women	No of Children	Unconfirmed	Members	Admitted	Confirmed	(Certificate of Repression)	(Commenced)	Dismissed	Recommenced	Measure of Names	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	S. School Scholars	Students for Ministry	Beneficent Purposes	Contributions	Church Papers	S. School Papers
Westmoreland	18	21	435	3765	275	48	245	174	3770	180	0	102	50	25	241	3254	5	\$5813	\$22394	237	2065
Clarion	13	20	366	2132	204	39	282	91	3000	49	0	120	65	28	267	2112	4	3001	3090	157	245
St Pauls	13	22	267	1183	51	26	141	4	2716	42	0	65	37	19	177	1460	3	2527	10446	124	220
Borerset	14	35	375	2280	209	25	147	45	2583	48	0	42	61	30	268	2322	1	2788	20183	255	1373
Allegheny	15	17	254	1371	150	25	160	154	2144	52	0	92	55	14	204	1571	8	7655	17901	255	1373
Synod of Pittsburgh (Totals)	76	137	1665	9741	919	123	935	530	14120	250	0	461	299	120	1347	1075	16	\$21654	\$10414	1073	2065
Eastern Synod	12	22	344	5190	637	575	458	2370	75324	1219	0	1705	276	606	8869	71578	112	81240	280659	7325	
Synod of Ohio	16	27	233	6356	718	609	1287	1110	18067	520	4	700	272	212	3127	23554	23	18216	157683		
German Synod of Northwest	10	14	20	1497	1809	27	1004	777	14070	193	4	557	283	187	797	12219	28	14063	57914		
Synod of Potomac	9	16	207	2047	1547	242	1715	929	30306	126	2	502	309	294	2344	25734	62	22596	150194		
German Synod of the East	5	8	59	1065	2042	34	728	844	11901	125	8	506	421	166	1070	10084	11	7564	102450		
Central Synod	4	14	134	11611	1123	52	830	477	14172	24	14	433	384	107	125	12718	29	15190	83658		
Synod of the Interior	5	6	298	1446	171	104	287	162	2444	60	1	131	50	62	671	3537	7	3172	19335		
	122	181	2200	12607	1376	1648	11281	7540	104617	2301	28	5184	5094	1630	20789	174164	297	\$19126	\$786467	4653	2065

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

WILKINSBURG, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA., OCTOBER 6-11, 1 97.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met pursuant to resolution taken at its last meeting, in *General Convention*, on Wednesday, October 6th, A. D. 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M., in Trinity Reformed church, Wilkinsburg, Allegheny county, Pa., and was opened with divine services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. Samuel T. Wagner, of Monroe, Pa., from Matt. 11:2-4, "Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go show John again those things which ye do hear and see."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President and constituted with prayer. Thereupon the roll was called and a quorum found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers: J. F. Snyder, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., C. M. Hartzell,^{*} J. N. Bauman, J. H. Mickley, D. A. Souders, C. W. Summey, J. M. Evans, E. D. Meixell, D. S. Stephan,^{*} T. S. Land, S. B. Mase,^{*} W. H. Tussing, C. E. Wagner, H. S. Garner, C. R. Ferner, I. N. Burger,^{*} J. McConnell and L. Cort.

Elders: Samuel Remaley, John E. Kunkel, Esq.,¹ ^{*} G. A. Smith,¹ E. Hoffmeier, Geo. W. Rubright,^{*} C. Vandyke,^{*} A. Bushager, G. P. Frey,^{*} Jos. Smith, M. Beamer,^{*} Jacob Byers,¹ ^{*} W. F. Brinker, Barnett Keener, W. R. Saul,^{*} and John Sell.¹ ^{*}

Charges not represented: St. John's.

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers: R. C. Bowling, S. T. Wagner, R. E. Crum, R. F. Gass, C. Gumbert,² ^{*} D. W. Kerr,^{*} J. N. Naly, J. D. Hunsicker, H. D. Darbaker,^{*} U. O. H. Kerschmer, J. P. Bachman.

Elders: R. S. Banks,' B. F. Alt, M. Mauthe, J. C. Barnhart,' J. G. Rau,' W. D. Hartman, Peter Wingard, J. Fillman, J. L. Kuntz, W. G. King.''

Charges not represented: St. John's, Plumb Creek.

III.—St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers: A. M. Keifer, Geo. E. Limbert, F. M. Line,' D. B. Lady, D.D.,' L. P. Goerrig,' A. M. Schaffner,' H. I. Crow, and D. E. Master.'

Elders: W. H. Beil, D. H. Mohr, S. B. Mosier,' S. H. Dieffenderfer,' C. M. Boush, Esq.,' H. M. Reichard,' J. H. Twitmeyer, M.D.,' and W. Pattison.'

Charges not represented: St. Paul's.

IV.—Somerset Classis.

Ministers: H. King,' A. R. Kremer, D.D., Wm. Rupp, D.D., A. C. Snyder, Ph.D., S. C. Long, A. S. Glessner, E. S. Hassler, D. H. Leader, F. Wetzel,' A. E. Truxal, D.D., E. P. Skyles, J. T. Balliet, C. A. Hauser,' and J. F. Bair.'

Elders: W. J. Glessner,' C. F. Swope,' A. Stahl, Ross Sechler,' Hon. C. J. Otto,' D. Long, C. Poschman,' E. K. Suder,' Hon. J. C. Weller,' and J. C. Miller.

Charges not represented: Hyndman, Cumberland and Frostburg.

V.—Allegheny Classis.

Ministers: C. Knepper,' J. H. Prugh, D.D., P. C. Prugh, D.D., D. N. Harnish, D. G. Klein,' A. K. Kline, J. J. Wagoner, A. J. Heller, D.D., C. L. Alspach, H. W. Bright, J. G. Walter, C. F. Althouse,' J. A. Leutzinger, and A. H. Smith.'

Elders: J. M. Conroy,' P. Daubenspeck,' J. Rumbaugh,' J. S. Miller,' N. Zigler, H. F. Texter, A. B. Gowey, L. D. Everhart,' H. Biehl,' and J. Beamer.''

Charges not represented: First Hungarian, St. John's, First McKeesport and Calvary.

Advisory Members.

Eastern Synod: Lancaster Classis, Revs. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., R. W. Miller; Reading Classis, C. S. Gerhard, D.D.

Potomac Synod: Maryland Classis, Rev. S. S. Miller, Prof. J. H. Apple; Juniata Classis, Rev. S. C. Stover.

Interior Synod: Iowa Classis, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.; Wichita Classis, Rev. J. W. Love, D.D., and Rev. D. B. Shuey.

German Synod of the East: West Penn. Classis, Revs. H. Holliger, and J. W. Ebbinghouse.

Elders: W. R. Barnhart, A. Leonard, C. A. Walter, and G. F. Meyers.

Visiting Ministers.

United Presbyterian: Revs. H. H. George, D.D., R. C. Wiley, M. M. Paterson, D.D., and John A. Burnett.

Methodist Episcopal: Rev. J. W. Miles, D.D.

Lutheran: Revs. W. F. Ullery and F. H. Crissman.

Universalist: Rev. J. H. Vibbert.

NOTE.—¹Appeared Thursday. ²Friday. ³Saturday. ⁴Monday. ⁵Excused Friday. ⁶Saturday. ⁷Monday. ⁸Monday afternoon. ⁹Monday evening.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers for the current Synodical year:

Rev. Thomas S. Land, *President*, Manor Station, Pa.

Rev. Henry D. Darbaker, *Vice-President*, Emlenton, Pa.

Rev. J. Harvey Mickley is *Stated Clerk*, Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. Edgar S. Hassler, *Corresponding Secretary*, Keim, Pa.

Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., *Treasurer*, Harmony, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order, adopted for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States, were observed by Synod in the transaction of business.

The *Bar of the House* was defined as the entire lecture room, exclusive of the alcoves.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the daily sessions of Synod, viz.: *Resolved*, That the daily sessions of Synod shall open at 9 o'clock A. M., and close at 4:30 o'clock P. M., with a recess from 12 o'clock M. to 2 o'clock P. M. These hours were observed except that on Friday afternoon Synod adjourned at 4 o'clock, and on Saturday afternoon a recess was taken for preparatory service and on Monday afternoon the time for adjournment was extended to 5 o'clock.

A business session was held on Monday evening from 7 o'clock until 9:20 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

Religious Services.—Revs. C. L. Alspach, E. D. Meixell, Geo. E. Limbert; Elders Samuel Remaley and B. F. Alt.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. J. N. Naly, H. W. Bright, J. McConnell; Elders W. H. Beil and W. J. Glessner.

Overtures.—Revs. A. K. Kline, S. C. Long, L. Cort; Elders J. M. Conroy and E. Hoffmeir.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. N. Bauman, E. P. Skyles, U. O. H. Kerschner; Elders M. Mauthe and D. H. Mohr.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. L. Cort, D.

N. Harnish, J. D. Hunsicker; Elders Chas. Swope and P. Daubenspeck.

State of the Church.—Revs. S. T. Wagner, C. M. Hartzell, E. S. Hassler; Elders C. Vandyke and J. C. Weller.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., A. M. Schaffner, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; Elders J. E. Kunkel and A. Stahl.

Missions.—Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., D. A. Souders, E. P. Skyles; Elders Jos. Rumbaugh and G. W. Rubright.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. R. C. Bowling, A. R. Kremer, D.D., J. J. Wagoner; Elders J. G. Rau and Ross Sechler.

Education.—Revs. H. S. Garner, S. B. Mase, C. R. Ferner; Elders C. M. Boush and J. Byers.

Publication.—Revs. W. Rupp, D.D., D. B. Lady, D.D., P. C. Prugh, D.D.; Elders J. S. Miller and A. Bushager.

Nominations.—Revs. D. H. Leader, C. W. Summey, F. Wetzel; Elders W. D. Hartman and C. J. Weller.

Finance.—Revs. J. F. Snyder, A. M. Keifer, J. M. Evans; Elders N. Zigler and G. P. Frey.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. H. D. Darbaker, H. I. Crow, H. King; Elders Peter Wingard and Daniel Long.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. John H. Prugh, D.D., D. S. Stephan, D. G. Kline; Elders M. Beamer and J. Fillman.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of Pittsburg Synod, and of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committees.

2. The reports of the several boards of the Synod were read and referred to the proper committees.

3. Twenty other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, throughout its sessions, observed the following religious services, viz.:

1. The sessions of Synod and the recesses were opened and closed with divine service.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported at various times, and the report, as finally adopted and carried out, is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Religious Services offers the following report for your consideration:

Thursday Evening: 7:30 o'clock.—Orphan Home and

Educational Interests. Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., presiding. Addresses by Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., and Rev. William Rupp, D.D.

Friday Evening: 7:30 o'clock.—Home Missions. Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., presiding. Address, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.; and Rev. R. C. Bowling.

Saturday Afternoon: 2:30 o'clock.—Preparatory Services. Altar Services—Revs. J. G. Walter and F. M. Line. Sermon by Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D.

Sunday Morning: 9:45 o'clock.—Sunday-school Cause. Addresses by Rev. J. A. Lentzinger, Rev. H. I. Crow, and Rev. R. C. Crum.

Sunday Morning: 11 o'clock.—Holy Communion. Altar Services by Revs. T. S. Land and J. H. Mickley. Sermon by Rev. John S. Stahr, D.D.

Sunday Afternoon: 3 o'clock.—Junior Christian Endeavor. Addresses by Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., and Rev. John Naly.

Sunday Evening: 7:30 o'clock.—Foreign Missions. Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D., presiding. Addresses—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., and John H. Prugh, D.D.

Other Churches.

First United Presbyterian. Morning, Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner; evening, Rev. D. N. Harnish.

Second United Presbyterian. Morning, Rev. W. H. Tus-
sing; evening, C. M. Hartzell.

Methodist Episcopal. Morning, Rev. William Rupp, D.D.; evening, Rev. A. M. Keifer.

East End Presbyterian. Morning, Rev. E. D. Meixell; evening, Rev. R. C. Bowling.

Baptist. Morning, Rev. H. W. Bright; evening, Rev. D. E. Master.

United Brethren. Morning, Rev. Hiram King; evening, Rev. John M. Evans.

Lutheran. Morning, Rev. D. H. Leader; evening, Rev. Geo. E. Limbert.

First Presbyterian. Morning, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; evening, Rev. S. B. Mase.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ALSPACH,

E. D. MEIXELL,

B. F. ALT,

GEO. E. LIMBERT,

SAMUEL REMALEY.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod presented its report Thursday afternoon. The report was received, considered item by item, amended, and finally adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod submits the following report:

Item 1, p. 6. Committee on Ministerial Necrology, Rev. D. N. Harnish, chairman.

Item 2, p. 10. The committee to co-operate with the management of F. & M. College in increasing the endowment, filled and continued.

Item 3, p. 15. St. Paul's Classis is earnestly requested to accept the apportionments of Synod.

Item 4, p. 27. The term of Elder P. Keil as a Trustee of the Theological Seminary expires, also that of Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., as a member of the Board of Visitors.

Item 5, p. 28. The Endowment Committee of Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship is continued.

Item 6, p. 42. The attention of the Mission Board of General Synod is called to Punxsutawney, Vandergrift, Duquesne and Homestead.

Item 7, p. 50. St. Paul's Orphan Home is commended to the liberal support of the Church.

(a) Instructs the Superintendent to regularly present the needs of the Home, through the Church papers.

(b) Instructs the Sunday-schools, through the Classes to make at least two offerings during the year for the Home.

(c) Pastors and people are requested to observe Orphans' Home Day.

Item 8, p. 54. The Treasurer of Synod is directed to return bonds given by beneficiaries who have complied with the necessary conditions.

Item 9, p. 61. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to forward action concerning the publication interests to the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

Item 10, p. 61. Committee appointed to secure subscriptions for the *Reformed Quarterly Review*, Rev. E. S. Hassler, chairman.

Item 11, p. 61. Stated Clerk was instructed to have published 2,000 copies of the proceedings of Synod, etc.

Item 12, p. 62. Expiration of terms of office:

Trustee of Synod, R. S. Jamison; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. T. S. Land, H. S. Garner, C. Gumbert, and Elder A. O. Eberhart; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. R. F. Gass and Geo. E. Limbert; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. R. C. Bowling; *Sunday-school Board*, Elder C. W. Truxal.

Item 13, p. 69. Elder C. M. Boush continued to collect money tied up in "Dick Bank."

Item 14, p. 86. Synod authorizes the Trustees of Wichita University to use funds given it for certain purposes.

Item 15, p. 87. Synod instructs the Stated Clerk to for-

ward, under seal of Synod, copy of her action to the Trustees of Wichita University.

Item 16, p. 87. Synod instructs the Corresponding Secretary to forward its action to the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

Item 17, p. 87. Synod instructs the Corresponding Secretary to forward its action to the Anti-Saloon League.

Item 18, p. 88. Synod appoints a committee, with Rev. A. K. Kline as chairman, to look after the interests of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

Item 19, p. 89. Synod instructs its Treasurer to pay the Byers note and Rev. C. M. Hartzell, pastor loci, \$10.

Item 20, p. 90. Synod instructs Pastor Hartzell to read its resolution of thanks to his congregation.

Item 21, p. 90. Synod instructs the Stated Clerk to thank the various railroads for the courtesies shown its members.

Item 22, p. 90. Synod instructs its various correspondents to thank the papers publishing proceedings of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. NALY,

H. W. BRIGHT,

J. McCONNELL,

HENRY BIEHL,

W. J. GLESSNER.

The following action was taken:

Item 1. The committee reported and report was adopted. See Art. XX.

Item 2. The committee reported and the report was adopted. See Art. XV.

Items 3, 7, 7 (b), 7 (c), 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, and 19-22, were found attended to.

Items 4 and 12 were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. See Art. XVIII.

Item 5. The committee reported and the report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. See Art. XIII.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted. *7 (a)*. Adopted. For report, see Art. XV.

Item 8. Adopted. All who had complied with the conditions and made application for their bonds, received them.

Item 10. The committee reported, and the report was adopted. See Art. XVII.

Item 13. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. See Art. XIX.

Item 14. The President of the Board of Trustees reported and the report was adopted. See Art. XXII.

Item 18. The committee reported and report was adopted. See Art. XXII.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at various times, which was received and considered item by item and subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to present the following report:

Item 1. A communication from the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 2. A report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Item 3. Report and catalogue of F. & M. College.

Item 4. Report of the Publication Board, Philadelphia, Pa.

Item 5. Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Item 6. A memorial for a "Temperance Sabbath."

Item 7. A request from Rev. J. C. Horning to be excused from meeting of Synod.

Item 8. A similar request from Rev. L. W. Showers.

Item 9. A like request from Rev. D. J. Wolf.

Item 10. Report of the Committee on Potomac Synod's Professors' House.

Item 11. An appeal from the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 12. Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 13. Report of General Synod's S. S. Board.

Item 14. Catalogue of Mercersburg College.

Item 15. Memoir of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 16. Catalogue and *Lesbian Herald* of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

Item 17. Report of Field Secretary of F. & M. College, Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

Item 18. The report of the Treasurer of the Relief Society.

Item 19. A communication from the Publishing Committee of the *Reformed Church Tidings*.

Item 20. A communication and catalogue from the Allentown College for Women.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. KLINE,

S. C. LONG, E. HOFFMEIER,
L. CORT, J. M. CONROY.

The action of Synod on the report is as follows:

Items 1, 11, 12, and 19. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. See Art. XIV.

Items 2, 5, and 10. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. See Art. XIII.

Items 3 and 20. The report was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. See Art. XV.

Item 4. The report was read and referred to Standing Committee on Publication. See Art. XVII.

Item 6. The communication was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. W. Rupp, D.D., H. S. Garner, and Elder H. Biehl. See Art. XXIII.

Items 7, 8, and 9. The Brethren were excused.

Item 13. The report was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. See Art. XXI.

Items 14 and 16. Referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. See Art. XV.

Item 15. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Geo. E. Limbert and Elder C. M. Boush. See Art. XXII.

Item 17. The report was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., J. N. Bauman and Elder J. H. Twitmyer. See Art. XV.

Item 18. The report was adopted, and ordered printed in the minutes of Synod. See Art. XXII.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported on Friday morning. The report was considered item by item and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following report:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Allegheny Classis fails to designate a particular place in Braddock for its next annual meeting.

II.—Requests.

2. Westmoreland Classis requests changes to be made in Sunday-school statistical blank.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.—None.

IV.—Subjects Referred.

3. All matters were favorably acted upon by the Classes except the following:

(a) Westmoreland Classis does not recommend the offerings of Children's Day for S. S. Missionary Work.

(b) St. Paul's Classis does not adopt recommendation as to offering for Chicago Mission.

V.—Vote on the New Constitution.

4. All the Classes approved the new constitution.

VI.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

5. *Westmoreland Classis* received Licentiate Chas. E. Wagner from Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac, and ordained him. Received Rev. H. S. Garner from Allegheny Classis. Licensed J. F. Bair and J. L. Barnhart. Ordained Licentiate D. J. Wolff. Dismissed Licentiate J. F. Bair to Somerset Classis; Licentiate J. L. Barnhart to West Susquehanna Classis, Synod of the East; Rev. H. W. Bright to Allegheny Classis.

6. *St. Paul's Classis* ordained D. E. Master.

7. *Clarion Classis* licensed A. O. Reiter, and dismissed him to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod. Received Licentiate J. P. Bachman from Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him.

8. *Somerset Classis* received Rev. J. T. Balliet from Virginia Classis, Potomac Synod; Licentiate U. C. Gutelius from Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod; Licentiate C. A. Hauser from German Maryland Classis, German Synod of the East; Licentiate J. F. Bair from Westmoreland Classis.

9. *Allegheny Classis* received Rev. J. G. Walter from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. C. F. Althouse from Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior; Licentiate J. A. Leutzinger from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him; Rev. A. H. Smith from North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod. Dismissed Rev. H. S. Garner to Westmoreland Classis; Rev. H. E. Snyder to Butler Presbytery of Presbyterian Church.

VII.—Place and Time of Next Annual Meeting.

10. *Westmoreland Classis* meets in St. John's Reformed church, Johnstown, Pa., June 1st, 1898, at 8 P. M. J. M. Evans, *President*; J. F. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

11. *St. Paul's Classis* meets in St. Paul's Reformed church, Sharon, Pa., May 25th, 1898, at 8 P. M. A. M. Schaffner, *President*; Geo. E. Limbert, *Stated Clerk*.

12. *Clarion Classis* meets in Jerusalem Reformed church, Reimersburg, Pa., May 25th, 1898, at 7:45 P. M. R. C. Bowling, *President*; R. E. Crum, *Stated Clerk*.

13. *Somerset Classis* meets in the Reformed church, Berlin, Pa., May 18th, 1898, at 7:45 P. M. S. C. Long, *President*; E. S. Hassler, *Stated Clerk*.

14. *Allegheny Classis* meets in St. Luke's Reformed

church, Braddock, Pa., on the 2d Thursday of May, 1898, at 7:45 P. M. A. J. Heller, *President*; D. N. Harnish, *Secretary*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. BAUMAN,

E. P. SKYLES, M. MAUTHE,
U. O. H. KERSCHNER, D. H. MOHR.

The action of Synod on the report is as follows:

Item 1. The attention of Allegheny Classis was called to the irregularity.

Item 2. The request was referred back to Westmoreland Classis for further instruction.

Items 3 to 14 were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported on Friday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

No applications having come into our hands, your committee has nothing to report. Respectfully submitted,

L. CORT,

D. N. HARNISH, P. DAUBENSPECK,
J. D. HUNSICKER, C. F. SWOPE.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church reported on Friday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on the State of the Church offer the following:

First of all, we recognize the kind providence that has permitted us to go forward in our heavenly calling, and labor another year in the vineyard of the Lord.

The reports which have been placed in our hands bear witness to abundant and faithful labors on the part of pastors and people. They have been constantly at their places, bearing the burden and heat of the day, and sometimes enduring privations and self-denials for the Master's sake. The reports cover a period of time marked by business depression, and greatly diminished activity throughout the land. We should not be surprised to find the progress of the Church less marked than in former years, or even without any visible growth.

But it appears that the labors of our people in the Lord's service have not diminished. The discomforts of the times

have been submissively endured, and it is our privilege to report progress, which, though not phenomenally great, is yet commendable. This steady growth has resulted in an increase of 394 members over all losses, and an increase of \$2,183 contributed for all purposes.

This shows that the people are loyal to their Church and willing to take part in the work. They stand in kindly relation to their pastors and have the will to work when properly directed.

The reports bring to us nothing unusual. The regular orderly methods have been pursued, and the result is the usual regular growth. The ordinary methods of nurturing and developing religious life have been maintained. Our people do not rush into untried paths, but adhere to the time-honored customs, which have the sanction of God's Word, and have been proved efficient to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, in the Reformed Church. The Gospel has been regularly preached; the Sacraments have been administered; the youth have been instructed in the doctrines of the Church as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism; pastoral visitation has been maintained; Sunday-school work has received special care and shows signs of growing interest; missionary societies have continued in the good work. It is gratifying to note the increased intelligent co-operation on the part of the members. The movement among the young people promises still better things in this line in the future.

The institutions within our bounds have been doing good work for the Church, but are not as well sustained as the worthiness of the cause demands. Unless the orphan cause challenges greater liberality, our home at Butler must become harassed with a debt which will greatly limit its usefulness.

All the reports bear expressions of thankfulness for the blessings and gifts of divine grace. The habit of trust in God is clearly manifest among our people. We look hopefully forward, trusting in the faithfulness of God to keep His promises to His people.

We bespeak for all our people in affliction, the sympathy and prayers of the Church; especially do we remember our brother, Rev. J. F. Wiant, in his enforced retirement from the active duties of the pastorate by reason of bodily affliction. For the first time since his connection with this body do we miss his genial presence at our sessions.

A few of our number have been called to their reward, and have entered into rest. We mention Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, the second president of this Synod, and an honored member for many years. He served the Master as an earnest preacher and faithful pastor. For the last twelve years he had been a sufferer, patiently awaiting his appointed time.

Rev. H. F. Dieckman, who was present at our last meeting and took an active part in the business of the same, was released from his labors and has entered into the joy of his Lord.

Having no assurance of continued opportunities to do work for the Master, we are admonished to be faithful, that we may be counted worthy not only to suffer with Christ, but also to reign with Him in glory. Respectfully submitted,

S. T. WAGNER,

C. M. HARTZEL, J. C. WELLER,
E. S. HASSLER, C. VANDYKE.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Report of the Board of Visitors.

The report of the Board of Visitors was read Thursday morning, and was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. The report is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1896-1897.

1. The institution was opened Sept. 10, 1896, and its work carried forward without interruption, save that one of the professors (Dr. Apple) was not able during part of the year to meet regularly his classes on account of ill health, but which did not prevent his carrying each class over the course prescribed by the schedule. We are happy to state that at the opening of the present Seminary year, Dr. Apple was so far restored that he expected to meet all his classes regularly.

2. The course in elocution was omitted, because of failure to obtain a teacher. The Faculties of the Seminary and College, assisted by a member of the Board, were requested to join in an effort to secure a Professor in Elocution.

2 (a). The Board felt that the subject of Missions demands more attention than the Faculty is able to give it, without interfering with their duties in other directions. The professors were therefore instructed to supplement the instruction on this subject by a course of lectures on Missions, to be delivered by persons especially interested and engaged in Mission work. Your reverend body is requested to provide a proportionate share of the expense needed for these two objects, as will be seen by the resolutions submitted for your consideration.

3. On Sept. 10, 1896, the following students were admitted to the *Junior Class*: Jno. K. Adams, Elmer L. Coblentz, Chas. E. Correl, Jno. F. Dechant, Chas. H. Faust, Wm. S. Fisher, Albert H. Ginder, Geo. G. Greenawald, Moses A. Keiffer, Wm. G. Klein, Chas. H. Knight, Willoughby H. Mill-

house, Wm. A. McClellan, Robt. F. Reed, Henry N. Smith, Sam'l H. Stein, Nevin L. Weidner. Of these, 13 are graduates of F. & M. College, one completed the Sophomore year, one is a graduate of the Moravian College, one was admitted from the Normal University, and one from F. & M. Academy. Total, 17.

4. The *Middle Class* consisted of the students who were admitted to the Junior Class, September, '95, with four exceptions, Paul L. Gerhard, who accepted an appointment to the position of teacher in the institutions of our Church in Japan; Calvin J. Rhen, who discontinued his studies for lack of funds; Hugh K. Fulton, a Presbyterian, who entered the class with the intention of continuing one term, and who took his dismissal to the Theological Seminary at Princeton; and Ward W. Reese, an Episcopalian, who entered with the intention of continuing to the end of the Junior year. When the year closed, he passed his examinations and withdrew. George W. Hartman is pursuing the Seminary course with the present purpose of devoting himself not to the ministry, but to the profession of teaching. Total, 12.

5. The *Senior Class* consisted of the following students: J. F. Bair, Jno. L. Barnhart, Theo. P. Bolliger, Wm. H. Brong, Chas. A. Bushong, Preston A. Delong, Theo. W. Dickert, Montgomery M. Fager, Wm. Glase Gerhard, Dan'l G. Glass, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Wilson S. Hartzell, Conrad A. Hauser, Mabry L. Herbein, Theo. C. Hesson, R. Raymond Jones, Clement D. Kressley, E. Douglas Lantz, Jno. A. Lutzinger, R. Franklin Main, Chas. F. McMann, James M. Mullin, Curtin L. Oswald, Amos O. Reiter, Martin W. Schweitzer, James R. Stein, Adolphus Walker. Total, 27. These students having completed the full course of study, and having sustained creditable examinations, were granted the regular *testimonials* on the day of graduation.

6. The following ministers of the Gospel completed a post-graduate course of the Seminary agreeably to the curriculum approved by the Board of Visitors. Each one having pursued the studies of three departments, and having passed approved examinations, was recommended, through the College Faculty, to the Trustees of F. & M. College for the honorary title of Bachelor of Divinity: Rev. C. Clifton Clark, Elizabeth, N. J.; Rev. Wm. I. Stewart, Baltimore, Md., and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Woodbury, Md. Total, 3. The recommendation was favorably considered and the degree was conferred by the Board of Trustees, at its annual meeting in 1897.

7. The average grade of the students was high. The professors bear testimony to their faithfulness in study, to their good deportment, and to their mental and spiritual prepara-

tion for the duties of their calling. The class graduated in '97 was the largest in the history of the Seminary.

In conclusion, your favorable consideration of the following resolution is respectfully asked:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board overture the three Synods to raise for the Professor in Elocution \$300, as follows: Eastern Synod, \$125; Potomac Synod, \$100; Pittsburgh Synod, \$75.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$150 for the purpose of meeting a supplemental course of instruction in Missions, as follows: Eastern Synod, \$60; Potomac Synod, \$50; Pittsburgh Synod, \$40.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 17, 1897.

II.—Report of the Board of Trustees.

Under item 5 of the Standing Committee on Overtures Thursday afternoon was read the report of the Board of Visitors. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first regular annual meeting was held on May 13th, 1897, when the following officers were elected: *President*, Geo. N. Forney; *Vice-President*, John D. Skiles; *Secretary*, Jeremiah S. Hess, and *Treasurer*, John B. Roth.

At this meeting, a committee, consisting of Geo. N. Forney, J. N. Hensch, J. B. Roth, and Hon. W. R. Barnhart, was appointed to confer with the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College relative to the 4½ acres of land, on which two of the Seminary professors' houses stand. The Building Committee of the De Peyster library building had encroached upon the Seminary ground by locating part of the new building thereon. This Board, believing that the time had come when it will be to the interest of both institutions that Franklin and Marshall College be the owner of that part of the grounds now owned by the Theological Seminary, granted authority to the Building Committee to proceed with the work, the consideration therefor to be determined later. This matter is still in the hands of the above-named committee.

Bequests were received from the following persons during the past year, viz.: Fifty (\$50) dollars from the estate of Miss Justina E. Gerhard, of Lancaster, Pa.; five hundred (\$500) dol-

lars from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, of Harrisburg, Pa., for the endowment fund and three hundred (\$300) dollars from the estate of Mrs. James Hay, of Hummelstown, Pa., towards the Seminary Building Fund.

The Board very gratefully makes record of these bequests and their worthy examples are commended to our people generally, even to those of limited means, who may greatly aid our institutions by providing for their growing needs by means of comparatively small bequests.

The second meeting was held October 5th, 1897. The Executive Committee reported that they had purchased the triangular plot from the Evans estate for \$1,600. By this purchase they straightened our lines on Pine street (lately opened by the city), and secured a lot for the janitor's building, which is now in course of erection, besides selling a portion thereof. The net cost of the ground to the Seminary was \$785.75. The Treasurer also advanced to the Building Committee of Synod \$1,100.00 towards the erection of the janitor's building.

The Seminary Building Committee, through its chairman, Rev. Dr. Bowman, reported that the Seminary building is completed and the entire cost provided for, whereupon the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman, chairman of the Building Committee; to Rev. C. J. Musser, chairman of the Canvass Committee, for their active personal interest, and to all the others, for their earnest co-operation in the work.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in its report of 1894, requested the Synods to provide such an increase in the endowment fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising, and,

WHEREAS, The Board has had extraordinary expenses in the necessary purchase of the triangular tract to straighten our lines on Pine street, and in the erection of a janitor's building, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate \$1,200, to meet the annual expenses of the past year, in the following manner:

Eastern Synod	\$600
Potomac Synod	400
Pittsburg Synod	200

In justice to all concerned, your Board heartily approves the action of the Eastern Synod at its meeting in October, 1896, authorizing the Board (the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods concurring) to purchase two additional lots of ground, the one to be held as a site for the house of the Pittsburgh

Synod's professor, and the other lot as a site for the house for the third professor of the Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 6th, 1897.

III.—Treasurer's Report.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Endowment Fund.

Oct.	1. Amount of Endowment Fund reported.....	\$94,418.69
Nov.	3. Received a bequest by will of Miss Justina Elizabeth Gerhard, deceased, Lancaster	50.00
1897.		
Jan.	1. Due from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, deceased, of Harrisburg	500.00
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		\$94,968.69
	Less an obligation for the sum of.....	250 00
	credited in error to Endowment Fund and intended for Seminary Building Fund.	
1897.		
Oct.	1. Amount of Fund.....	<hr/> \$94,718.69

Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary from Oct. 1, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897.

DR.

For sundry incomes and interests received during the year	<hr/> \$5,729.93
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1897.		
Oct.	1. By salary accounts and sundry bills paid as per vouchers from Oct. 1, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897..	7,115.74
1896.		
Oct.	1. By balance due Treasurer as per report.....	3.072.32
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		\$10,188.06
	Amount Dr. brought down.....	5,729.93
1897.		
Oct.	1. Balance due Treasurer.....	<hr/> \$4,458.13

Library Fund.

1896.		
	Principal	\$1,819.96
Oct.	1. For balance due Fund	\$107.11
1897.		
Oct.	1. For interest received to date	125.99
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		\$233.10

CR.

	By sundry bills paid to Oct. 1, 1897.....	\$95.83
Oct.	1. 1897. Balance due Fund.....	<hr/> \$137.27

1897.

The Smalts Fund.

Principal	<hr/> \$5,000.00
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		Dr.		
Oct. 1, 1897.	1.	For interest received on same to date.....		\$250.00
		Cr.		
Apr. 17.	By	interest paid to Beneficiary Board, John Hertzler Treasurer	\$125.00	
Sept. 15.	By	interest paid to Beneficiary Board, John Hertzler Treasurer	125.00	\$250.00

1897.

The William A. Wilt Fund.

		Principal		\$833.33
Oct. 1.	1.	For interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1897, \$41.66, and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account.		

1897.

The John Reigel Fund.

		Principal		\$15,680.00
Oct. 1.	1.	By notes paid to date	\$11,760.00	
		By Dr. due July 20, 1898	3,920.00	\$15,680.00

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

		Principal ..		\$2,000 75
		Interest and balance due Fund to May 1, 1897..	117 95	
		Cr.		
		By prize paid per award of committee	\$100.00	
		By expenses ..	1.00	\$101 00
Oct. 1, 1897.		Balance due Fund		\$16 95

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

		Principal		\$410.47
		For interest due on Fund to May 1, 1897	\$15.35	
		Cr.		
		By prize paid per award committee..	15.00	
		Amount of Fund Oct. 1, 1896, was...	\$307.12	
1897.				
May 8.	8.	Received of Prof. W. M. Irvine	103.00	\$410.47

Jacob Forney Library Alcove Fund.

1897.		Principal		\$1,000.00
		Cr.		
Oct. 1.	1.	By interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1897	\$150.00	

Henry Wirt Library Alcove Fund.

1897.		Principal		\$1,000.00
		Cr.		
Oct. 1.	1.	By interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1897	\$100.00	

Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund for Library Alcove.

1897.		Principal ..		\$750.00
		Cr.		
Oct. 1.	1.	By interest due same to Oct. 1, 1897..	\$72.50	

Seminary Class of 1894 for Alcove in Seminary Library.

1897.		Cr.	
Oct.	1.	(Notes)	\$981.00
		By cash paid on account of same..	\$217.00

Pittsburg Professorship Fund and Loan Invested.

1897.			
Oct.	1.	Due Fund by Theological Seminary	\$4,223.19
		Hempfield Coal Bonds	11,000.00
		Rupp, Wm. D.D., note.....	800.00
		Clarion Classis	800.00
		Donahoe, Wm.....	2,000.00
		Rumbaugh, J. M., and others.....	4,350.00
		Westmoreland Classis	1,100.00
		Calvary Reformed church, Turtle Creek	1,600.00
		Bair, E. H. and E. M. mortgage	2,750.00
		Sewickly Gas Coal Bonds	1,000.00
Oct.	1, 1897.	Total in hands of Treasurer	\$29,623.19

Dr.

		Interest received on same from Sept. 22, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897, viz:	
Sept. 22.		From Second Reformed Church, Greensburg....	\$165.00
Oct. 19.		" Johnstown congregation	66.00
Dec. 17.		" Hempfield Coal Bonds.....	330.00
Dec. 23.		" W. R. Barnhart on interest acc	\$44.00
		" " " Johnstown....	4.40
1897.			
Jan. 2.		" " " Turtle Creek..	64.00
Jan. 2.		" " " Donahoe.....	60.00
Apr. 13.		" " " Westmoreland Classis	33.00
		From W. R. Barnhart, B. C. Wolf....	9.00
		From W. R. Barnhart, interest on loan	6.00
Apr. 13.		From Treasurer of Theological Semi- nary, interest to April 1, 1897.....	105.58
Apr. 13.		" Wm. Rupp, D.D., interest to January 1, 1897	48.00
Apr. 19.		Interest on Bair mortgage to May 1, 1897.....	82.50
May 7.		" Rumbaugh Brick Co., to May 2, 1897	130.50
May 12.		" Sewickley C. G. Bond to June 1, 1897	7.50
June 17.		" Hempfield Coal Bonds, June 1, 1897.	330.00
July 8.		" Thos. Donahoe six months interest	60.00
Sept. 15.		" Treasurer of Theological Seminary to Oct. 1, 1897.....	105.58
			\$1,651.06

Cr.

		By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., as per his receipts, to Oct. 1, 1897.....	\$1,651.06
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Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	3.	For amount received of John J. Niss- ley, Treasurer	\$6.00

Oct. 3.	For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	69.79	\$75.79
Oct. 8.	For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer	121.00	
Oct. 8.	For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer	50.00	171.00
Dec. 29.	For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer		6.00
1897.			
Jan. 1.	For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer		9.00
May 8.	For amount received of Reading Classis.....		20.00
May 11.	For amount received of Goshenhoppen Classis	\$8.01	
May 11.	For amount received of Goshenhoppen Classis	45.10	\$53.11
May 11.	For amount received of Daniel Shaffner, Treasurer		19.00
May 14.	For amount received of Lancaster Classis.....		42.35
May 17.	" " " Philadelphia Classis.....		12.00
May 21.	" " " E. Susq. Classis		41.25
May 27.	" " " Tohickon Classis		47.00
May 27.	" " " Juniata Classis		68.00
June 10.	" " " Schuylkill Classis		1.00
June 10.	" " " Lebanon Classis		33.44
July 1.	" " " Tohickon Classis interest..		16.00
July 5.	" " " Pittsburg Synod	\$50.00	
July 21.	" " " Pittsburg Synod	50.00	\$100.00
Aug. 21.	" " " Tohickon Classis		9.00
Sept. 4.	Of C M. Boush, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod 1892 and 1893, synodical apportionment tied up by failures of bankers and now paid.....		75.00
			<hr/> \$798.94 <hr/>

Transferred and charged to Treasurer in his current expense account to Oct. 1, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer, report that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
S. N. HENCH,
Committee.

Lancaster, Oct. 5, 1897.

IV.—Potomac Synod's Professor's House.

Under item 10 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read the report of the Committee on Potomac Synod's Professor's House. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Eastern, Pittsburgh, and Potomac Synods:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee, appointed to secure design, and superintend construction of a

house for the use of the Professor of the Potomac Synod, beg leave to report that they have erected a substantial brick house, suitable for the purpose, on a fifty-foot lot, purchased by the Board of Trustees from Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel.

The contract price of the building, including all material and labor, was \$3,814. Contributions have been received from various sources, amounting to \$1,314.

As the title to the lot and house is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, they have advanced \$2,500, on which, as rental, the occupant of the house shall pay 5 per cent. interest, until provision be made for the return of the principal invested.

As the work entrusted to your committee has been completed, they respectfully submit this as their final report.

JOHN D. SKILES, *Chairman*.

We have audited the accounts of the President and Treasurer of the Building Committee, and find the same correct as stated in the annexed report.

GEO. N. FORNEY,
S. N. HENCH.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 5, 1897.

V.—Report of the Endowment Committee.

Under Item 5, Minutes of Synod, the Endowment Committee reported. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Endowment Committee has but a brief report to make.

No charges were canvassed during the past year.

The sum of \$924.50 was paid in on old pledges during the year.

The whole sum in the hands of the Treasurer for investment now is \$30,003.70.

As this committee was originally appointed to collect the sum of \$30,000, we have the pleasure of reporting to your reverend body that our work has been completed, and we now with the greatest cheerfulness and with intense satisfaction, give up the field to Franklin and Marshall College and other important benevolent interests.

It is right to state also that there are still a number of unpaid pledges in the hands of pastors and members of the committee, as well as the Jacob Byers Note, payable at the decease of the drawer.

We suggest that the committee be discharged, and that these unpaid notes and pledges be placed in the hands of Elder

W. R. Barnhart and that he be authorized to collect as many as are collectable as soon as possible.

	D. B. LADY,	
C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,	S. T. WAGNER,	W. R. BARNHART,
T. S. LAND,	C. W. TRUXAL,	J. H. PRUGH.

VI.—Report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary reported on Monday afternoon. The sums recommended were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and the report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee of Theological Seminary submit the following report for your consideration:

The following papers have been referred to us:

1. Report of the Board of Visitors to the Seminary.
2. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.
3. Audited report of the Treasurer of the Seminary.
4. A report of the Committee on Potomac Synod's Professor's House.

5. Report of the Endowment Committee of this Synod.

These reports call for the following action by this Synod:

1. That they be printed in full in the minutes of this Synod.

2. That the appointment of a Teacher of Elocution be approved and seventy-five dollars appropriated towards his support.

3. That the two hundred dollars asked for to meet the current expenses, be assumed on the condition that one-half of this sum be paid into the Treasury of the Seminary and the other half to the incumbent of the Pittsburg Synod's Professorship.

4. That the plan of having a course of lectures delivered to the students during the year, by persons engaged in one form or another in practical mission work, be approved and the forty dollars asked for be appropriated to meet the expenses thus incurred.

5. That we rejoice in the completion of Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship in the Theological Seminary; that the committee be discharged and Elder W. R. Barnhart be appointed and authorized to collect the outstanding pledges, and the pastors of Synod are earnestly requested to co-operate with Elder W. R. Barnhart and to read this action from their pulpits and strongly urge their members yet in arrears to redeem their pledges as soon as possible.

6. That the thanks of this Synod are hereby expressed and put on record to Rev. Dr. D. B. Lady and members of

the Endowment Committee, and to all others who aided in the work, for the faithfulness, perseverance and energy with which they prosecuted this important cause to a successful conclusion.

7. That we rejoice in the prosperous condition of the Seminary and invoke the blessing of God upon the institution, that it may efficiently perform the work committed to it by the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

J. E. KUNKEL,

A. M. SCHAFFNER,

A. L. STAHL.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I.—Report of the Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions.

The Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Home Missions reported Thursday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Board of Missions held five meetings during the year; the first meeting at the time of the annual meeting of Synod at Latrobe, at which time the Board re-organized by re-electing the officers of last year. It was determined that the Board meet quarterly, before the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of General Synod's Board. In pursuance of this action, the second meeting was held in Pittsburgh, January 19, 1897. At this meeting the instruction given your Board at your last annual meeting was carried out; the attention of General Synod's Board was called to Punxsutawney, Vandergrift, Duquesne, and Homestead, and an effort was made to secure aid for Vandergrift and Punxsutawney, but owing to lack of funds, General Synod's Board was not in a situation to assume any new work.

The third meeting of your Board was called in the interests of Turtle Creek Mission, and was held at that place on July 16, 1897. This mission erected and dedicated a fine new building during the year, but owing to a heavy debt incurred, was impelled to call upon your Board for aid. The Board arranged for a loan from Germania Bank of Pittsburgh, to relieve the mission from immediate difficulties, but we learn that the loan has not yet been effected. The congregation is at this time without a pastor, but we are informed there are good prospects of having the vacancy filled at an early date. The new building is well-located, and if an efficient pastor take charge, the prospects for the future are good.

The mission at Punxsutawney agreed to pay \$300 toward

the support of a pastor. On learning, however, that General Synod's Board had appropriated \$100 only for their support, the mission manifested a great lack of faith in the outlook. At the last meeting Clarion Classis promised \$200 additional. Thus with \$600 support, the mission is still without a pastor.

Apollo is in better condition now than a year ago. While the finances are not yet satisfactory, it is believed they soon will be.

Your Board learns that Westmoreland Classis has been taking steps toward establishing a mission at Vandergrift, and from them we learn that the prospects there are very good, and your Board will give them all encouragement.

The mission at Cumberland has, under the efficient labors of Rev. A. S. Glessner, erected a fine new church. The work is now prospering under the newly-appointed missionary, Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius. The missions within our bounds are generally in good condition, but there is need of considering new fields and of organizing at new points, and for this purpose we need to encourage our pastors to present the claims of Home Missions and urge the people to greater liberality.

The expenses of the meetings of your Board amount to \$19.08.

The term of Rev. Robert Bowling as a member of this Board expires with this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS, *President*.

II.—Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

The report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions was received on Thursday afternoon, and was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The report is as follows:

To the English Classes and Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN:—Two years ago the annual report was prepared in time for the annual meetings of the Classes. This plan has its objections, chiefly upon the ground, that the report comes before the Classes before it goes to the Synods. To some this is a mistake. The Board, at its late meeting, had this matter under consideration and the sentiment was strong that the report should be sent to the Classes, since these bodies are nearest the people, and through them, the mass of the membership will be more readily reached. Then too, the action of the Synods, at their last annual meeting can, in this way, be brought before the Classes, more readily. We therefore send out this report in time for the meetings of the English Classes, and let us hope that every Classis will receive the copies intended for it, which, it seems, was not the case when the last annual report was sent out. One year ago no report

was issued, but, as has been the custom, the report issued by the Board for the General Synod was allowed to take its place. The Tri-ennial Report gave a full résumé of the work for three years past, and also gave a forecast of what the work in the future must be. The attempt has been made to reach the end in view, and with a measure of success too, but this was accomplished by a hard struggle with the financial problem. The Board and the Church, both have reason for thanksgiving, for the measure of success that has attended the efforts of the missionaries under the Board.

THE PAST YEAR.

The past year has been one of sore trials and disappointments in the world of trade and business. The laboring classes have been pressed for the necessary means of subsistence. Stagnation, and consequent discouragement, has been present on all sides and with all classes. This must, of necessity, have its influence upon the Church, and all her operations. The Board found this to be so. Never in its history was it so difficult to procure funds to carry forward the work. The majority of the missions were established before the stringent times set in, and when the burdens began to press heavily on the Board, it could not well abandon the fields that were established. To abandon some of the missions, would have been an act of injustice to the missionaries called to these fields, and also to the membership. The only way was for the Board to hold faithfully to its promises and to struggle along as best it could, hoping the while, that the Church will come to its relief by meeting promptly all its liabilities. The Board hopes most fondly, that the critical period in the stringent times has passed, and that we may soon enjoy the blessings of a period of prosperity, financially. When this much-hoped-for time comes, we believe there will be great things in store for us, as a Church. We can then expect such a growth in our mission work, as our past history never witnessed.

THE MISSIONS.

There are at the present time, *one hundred and four missions* under the Board, belonging to the English Synods. Since last May, when the roll of missions was presented to the General Synod, only a few additional missions have been enrolled. The Hungarian mission of South Norwalk, Conn., was divided and two missions formed, to be known as South Norwalk and Bridgeport. In Iowa the congregations at Tipton and Lone Tree were enrolled as missions with the express understanding that Iowa Classis will raise a sum for home missions over and above that called for by the General Synod's apportionment, sufficiently large to carry forward these two missions, during the short time they will require the help of the Board. The congregation at Punxsutawney, Pa, was enrolled upon the promise of the Pittsburgh Synod's Board that

the funds to maintain it will be promptly furnished by that Synod. These are the only missions enrolled during the past year, for the reason that the Board did not have the funds to add additional ones; and these named, were enrolled only because the Board had the positive promise of funds to sustain them. There are many calls, however, for the establishment of other missions. Many doors of usefulness are open to the Board, but none can be entered, until the Church furnishes the means for additional work.

The roll that now registers *one hundred and four* missions will doubtless be very much changed at the annual meeting in April. Quite a few of the missions will become self-sustaining, and others will be dropped entirely for good and sufficient reasons; while the appropriations will likely be lowered in the case of all that have been under the care of the Board for a longer period than one year.

From the present outlook it is not likely that any new missions will be enrolled to take the place of those that will disappear from the roll.

As regards the work done, there never has been a year in the history of the Board, when the missions made better progress than during the year past. This is especially true when we take into consideration the stringency of the times. These times necessarily had their influence on the missions, but in spite of them, the missions did well. The missionaries have been most signally blessed with health and strength so as to continue their labors. Two, out of the large number under the Board, have ceased their labors. One, Rev. J. W. A'spach, of Altamont, Ills., was suddenly called to his reward in December last, and the other, Rev. F. J. E. Muehe, of McKeesport, Pa., was compelled to close his labors because of ill health. He is now in Colorado, where he hopes to regain his shattered health. The prayer of the Board is, that he may be restored to his family and the Church. He was an efficient workman, and the Church sustains a great loss, even in his temporary disability.

THE INDEBTEDNESS.

The Church has been reminded, continually, of the needs of the Board. The Officers of the Board and the Superintendents have kept this matter before the Church. The work belongs to the Church and she should know the standing of the Board. At this present writing the indebtedness amounts to fully \$20,000. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to attempt an explanation for this state of things. The times have much to do with it. There is a depression in all business interest which must have its effect upon the missionary work of the Church. This we must expect. Were this all, however, then, the indebtedness would not be as large as it is because the hard times have not impoverished us, as a Church, to the extent

that the indebtedness would indicate. There is another cause, which must be regarded as much more serious and far-reaching than anything that can be charged to the peculiar times in which we live. It is, the very limited interest that so many in the Church take in the extension of our borders in the home land. To put it still more truthfully, the trouble lies largely with many of our ministers who are not seriously concerned, as they should be, about the missionary work of the Church. There is a portion of the ministry that makes conscientious endeavors to raise the apportionments. With these ministers the apportionments are a serious matter and are always met. These apportionments, so raised, usually net the Board about \$30,000 annually. This amount is sure and can be depended upon. The remaining \$14,000 that should be raised, should come from ministers, under the apportionment system, who do not make earnest with this most sacred matter of raising these moneys, and the result is that they raise but little, and the Board finds itself in debt to the amount of \$20,000. It will be noticed that this indebtedness did not come upon the Board during the last year only, but has been gradually accumulating for several years past. The Board now submits to the Classes and the Synods this indebtedness, for their consideration, and we may add, liquidation also. If these bodies will see, that the charges under their care will pay the small sums asked for by the Board, the debt will be paid and additional work taken up. Who can remedy this matter if not the Classes and the Synods?

RETRENCHMENT.

We hardly dare use this term, as it is offensive to many persons. But, brethren, what other term shall we use to give an edequate idea of what must be done? The Board is under the necessity to retrench in every way possible. The expenses of the Board have been, in round numbers, about \$41,000 during the past year, including salary of Superintendents. It may not have quite reached that sum. The Church has actually paid into the treasury of the Home Board, from April 1st, 1896, to April 1st, 1897, not more than \$31,000. We believe that much of the delinquency of this year will be made up in the special efforts that will be put forth during the next two months, as the Classes close up the work of the year, and the Easter offerings are made. But this does not set aside the fact that the Church has fallen short of raising the promised sum by at least \$13,000, the sum promised being \$44,000. This, with what was due, at the beginning of the year, leaves the Board fully \$20,000 in debt. What shall be done under these circumstances? What, indeed, can be done? It is not reasonable to suppose that the only thing to be done is to bring the expenditures within the amount contributed by the Church? The Classical and Synodical Boards urged the

rollment of these missions. They promised to furnish the funds to support them. They failed to do so. Retrenchment must come as a necessary result. It may bring hardship to the missionaries. It may result in some detriment to the cause, but the Board should not be made to bear the blame. The policy of the Board has been to conduct the work upon as economical a basis as possible, and yet do justice to the men under its care. The work belongs entirely to the Church, and to the Church only can the Board look for the moral and financial support which is necessary to accomplish the best results. When the Board meets in annual sessions, the outlook may have improved. It may be that the conditions will have changed so much that the missions can be retained, that are now on the roll, and some additional ones taken up. Taking the present expenses of the Board at \$42,000 per annum, and then considering the rate at which the indebtedness has increased, we find that the Church has fallen short, at least, \$10,000 annually. If this calculation is correct, there will have to be a reduction of *twenty per cent.* on the present expenditures of the Board, which would make the expenses \$34,000. We believe that the Board will be compelled to come to this basis, and will likely reduce the expenditures to that figure at the coming annual meeting. It is the correct policy to place the expenditures at about that sum, and if, in the future, additional work can be taken up, it can very readily be done. At another place in this report will be found a detailed statement of the expenditures of the past year.

HUNGARIAN, BOHEMIAN AND HARBOR MISSIONS.

We need not speak, especially, about the English Missions, but it seems necessary to speak more particularly of those above named. The Hungarian Mission work has prospered. During the year two missions were formed of what was formerly the South Norwalk Mission. We now have the missions of South Norwalk and Bridgeport, both in Connecticut. Brother Kalassai, who formerly served the Mt. Carmel Mission, was called to Bridgeport, and is the pastor at that place. Both these congregations have been engaged in building houses of worship, and now have church homes of their own. At Mt. Carmel, the people demand a missionary who can minister to them in the Slavic language, as at least two-thirds of the members are Slavs. The Board is now in correspondence with parties in Hungary with a view of procuring a suitable man for that place. At Trenton, N. J., efforts are now being made to erect a house of worship for our Hungarian congregation. Our interest in New York demands a house of worship in order to insure its complete success, but how to procure a lot where property is so valuable, is the question which the Board cannot easily solve. In Pittsburg, the Hungarian congregation, under the leadership of Brother

Ferenczi, is moving in the direction of purchasing a new lot and erecting a church in the neighborhood of McKeesport, in order to make the services more convenient to the worshipers in the outlying towns about the city. In Cleveland, the congregation has erected a parsonage and is paying it by the installment plan. Upon the whole, our Hungarian work is prosperous, and the outlook for it encouraging.

The Bohemian work in Chicago is moving along in a gradual way. The missionary claims that he has some trouble with a few men, who wish to control everything, and when not permitted to do so, are not willing to do anything. In this respect he has to undergo the experience common to city mission work. The mission cannot be made a success, however, until a lot is purchased, and a chapel erected for the benefit of the new movement. The missionary entered upon his full duties only last July, and up to the present time, the congregation has not been formally organized. It was deemed best, by the Board, that the congregation should not be organized until the material is well in hand, from the fact that it often happens that persons are brought into these organizations who afterward turn out to be disreputable characters, and do much harm to the new organization. The Church must prepare herself to give \$8,000, at least, to put this mission properly on its feet. We should certainly have one vigorous mission among the 110,000 Bohemians who have made their home in Chicago.

The Harbor Mission is still doing its work. Brother Sommerlatte continues enthusiastic in the work assigned him. He now preaches to a small congregation in the City of New York, but this does not interfere, in any way, with the work in the Harbor Mission. He has at different times suggested the necessity of having suitable buildings, and these the Church should furnish in due time, and no doubt will do so. All these missions are doing excellent work, and are bearing good fruit for the upbuilding of the Church. The work will become more efficient as its needs become more apparent. We too may rejoice greatly because of the progress we have made along these lines.

THE APPORTIONMENTS.

Heretofore, the Board apportioned the amounts upon the Synods, which were deemed just and equitable for the prosecution of the work. In doing this, financial ability was not the only thing taken into consideration, but the willingness, on the part of the people, to give to the extension of the Church, as well. The General Synod, at its late meeting in Dayton, took this matter entirely out of the hands of the Board. The Finance Committee of that Synod, recommended an equal per capita apportionment for all the English Synods. This is something that never occurred before, but as the Synod ap-

proved of it, the action must stand. This considerably increases the apportionments for Home Missions in the Eastern and Potomac Synods, while it lowers the per capita in all the Synods west of the Allegheny Mountains. It remains to be seen how this will operate. The Board, however, asks the Western Synods to continue the former apportionments. The amount, after all, is small for each member, but the aggregate sum will help the Board very much in its work. Some of the Western Synods, last fall, assumed the former apportionments. The General Synod made the following apportionments, which the Synods apportioned on the Classes last fall. The same will continue for three years.

For Home Missions.....	\$45,000
Hungarian and Bohemian Work.....	6,000
For the German Work in Cities.....	6,000
For Harbor Mission.....	1,015
Making a grand total for the mission work in the home field of	\$53,015

These sums were apportioned on the different English Synods as follows:

SYNODS	Home Miss'ns	Harbor Missions	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions	German Missions
Eastern	\$25100	\$435	\$2500	\$2500
Potomac	9700	140	840	840
Ohio	5500	95	550	550
Pittsburg	4100	75	450	450
Interior	600	15	100	100

If these sums are promptly paid, in the coming year, the Board will be enabled to meet all its liabilities and undertake much additional work. All these items combined will require less than *thirty-four* cents per member. Certainly this sum should be raised without any difficulty. The Board would urge strongly upon the Classes and Synods to put forth every possible effort to raise this very reasonable sum, for this necessary work.

During the last year, the Eastern, Potomac and Ohio Synods were delinquent on the Home Missionary apportionment fully \$10,000. Only the Pittsburgh and the Interior Synods paid their apportionments in full. The Ohio Synod fell short, in only a comparatively small sum. It is not hard to understand, why the Board is so deeply in debt. Can the Synods, Classes and pastors not arrange to have these moneys paid promptly? Certainly when the highest judicatory in the Church recommends certain sums to be raised for certain purposes, every pastor should feel it to be his duty to comply with the request.

ROLL OF MISSIONS.

We give here the roll of missions as carried during the year. Heretofore the Board had published a large table of statistics, which was quite expensive to have printed, while at the same time there was much of it that was of no general interest to the Church. This year, in the interest of economy,

much of this table has been omitted, and only such statistics given as are believed to be of interest to the whole Church. This table shows at a glance, the progress each mission made during the year, with its benevolences and the amount the mission is now paying in its own aid, and the help it receives from the Board. There are a number of missions now on the roll, which were placed there by regular action, but which have not received aid at any time from the Board. These are Bethel, O., Salem, O., Harrold, Pa., Emporia, Otis and Ransom, Kan. The latter three were formerly supplied by Superintendent Shuey. Aside from Emporia and Bethel, these will likely all be dropped at the coming annual meeting. Quite a number of others will become self-supporting. Others again may be declared self-supporting, or dropped, because of being on the roll of the Board for many years. In making this report, we are sorry to state, that in spite of several notices given in the Church papers, as well as notice at the bottom of the blank for the annual report, some of the missionaries failed to send in their reports in time, so that the full statistics could be given. This is the reason for the blanks that appear in the statistical table. The following is the roll as it now stands:

MISSIONS	MISSIONARIES	To what Synod	Congregations	Members	Gains	Losses	For Home Purposes	For Benevolence	Whole Number in S. S.	Church Papers taken	What the mission can pay for salary	Appropriation by the Board
Ada, O.	L. A. Sites	Ohio	2	148	21	15	700	22	224	25	525	160
Akron, O.	J. B. Freeman	"	1	18	6	9	350	84	123	20	275	800
Athens, Mich.	Freeman Ware	"	2	60	9	9	350	84	123	20	275	280
Barberton, O.	Jacob Ihle	"	3	180	20	9	900	148	180	15	400	175
Bethel, O.	Vacant	"	4	132	17							100
Canton, O.	F. Straasner	"	1	37	37		639	100	164	15	100	500
Cleveland, O.	T. F. Hermann	"	1	210	10	2	1500	400	240	30	800	300
Cleveland, O. Hung.	A. Harsanyi	Central Ohio	7	250	8	8	650	30	29	20	150	475
Columbus, O.	S. W. Seemann	"	1	361	51	41	1618	160	251	30	650	660
Columbus, O.	S. B. Yockey D.D.	"	1									1000
Colon, Mich.	H. S. Nicholson	"	2	88	22	2	237	44	104	30	300	300
Detroit, Mich.	C. W. Brugh	"	1	18	18		24	800	110	15	50	550
Hamilton, O.	E. E. Nelkirk	"	1	144	12	1	1135	74	272	20	550	250
Lima, O.	Vacant	"	1	33	9	4	151	43	137	18	190	875
Masillon, O.	W. H. Shultz	"	1	120	19	10	740	126	231	12	200	550
Millersburg, Ind.	J. L. Bretz	"	1	69	14	9	600	500	110	30	400	100
Paulding, O.	A. Dreibeibles	"	3	106	22	2	470	49	208	7	450	100
Salem, O.	Vacant	"	2	28								
Springfield, O.	R. F. Shultz	"	1	69	17	6	270	58	65	16		1000
Warren, O.	E. H. Laubach	"	1	59	17	3	768	40	115	8	300	450
Youngstown, O.	Aaron Noll	"	2	96	10	5	1259	54	71	20		340
S. S. Missionary	J. C. Horning	Pittsburg										800
Apollo, Pa.	J. N. Naly	"	1	163	44	12	700	78	128	40	350	500
Braddock, Pa.	A. K. Kline	"	1	75	13	9	865	84	152	8	250	525
Buffalo, N. Y.	J. M. G. Darms	"	1	100	45	4	1069	85	116	21	300	300
Cumberland, Md.	A. B. Glesner	"	2									425
Grove City, Pa.	G. E. Lambert	"	2	154	9	2	1752	97	138	30	475	175
Harrold, Pa.		"										
Jennette, Pa.	J. N. Bauman	"	1	255	62	12	1088	78	232	25	800	100
Johnstown, Pa.	J. H. Mickley	"	1	190	29	1	1100	148	177	34	300	750
McKeesport, Pa.	F. J. E. Muehe	"	1	110	15	5	800	125	160	30	450	350
New Kensington, Pa.	C. W. Bright	"	1	55	15	4	156	25	90	10	200	575
Pittsburg, Pa. Hung.	F. Ferenesi	"	6	250	20	10	800	100	50	10	100	650
Punxsutawney, Pa.	Vacant	"	1	60								100
Scottdale, Pa.	E. D. Meizell	"	2	167	38	9	647	187	124	25	500	150

MISSIONS		MISSIONARIES		To what Synod	Members	Gains	Losses	For Home Purposes	For Benevolence	Whole Number in B. S.	Church Papers taken	What the mission can pay for salary	Appropriation by the Board
Sharpsville, Pa.	J. F. Wiant	Interior	2	304	13	14	693	114	105	35	400	35	35
Turtle Creek, Pa.	J. J. Waggoner	"	1	121	20	5	3000	131	132	20	400	30	30
Youngstown, Pa.	D. S. Stephan	"	2	199	9	9	527	87	118	25	450	35	35
Ablene, Kan.	J. C. Bolger	"	2	137	5	13	633	111	166	25	400	40	40
Altamont, Ill.	Vacant	"	2	140	4	3	600	120	300	30	475	100	100
Anna, Ill.	E. E. Weaver	"	2	65	1	1	109	19	48	20	350	30	30
Astoria, Ill.	G. F. Hartzel	"	2	68	3	2	464	227	57	34	425	50	50
Brandon, Ia.	Calvin Foster	"	1	17	1	2	32	15	49	18	100	200	200
Cheney, Kan.	J. R. Lewis	"	1	62	13	6	557	62	96	25	425	300	300
Chicago, Ill.	J. M. Kendig, D.D.	"	1	31	5	1	319	30	90	15	900	1400	1400
Chicago, Ill. Bohem'n	C. V. Molnar	"	1	55			39	11	45	20	1000		
Columbus Junction, Ia.	D. H. Fouse	"	2	185	30	6	1300	197	247	55	700	30	30
Denver, Col.	H. Tesnow	"	1	42	42	8	579	55	61	15	100	300	300
Edinburg, Ill.	Vacant	"	2	104	8	2	400	100	140	30	425	175	175
Emporia, Kan.	Vacant	"	1	23	4	1	25	20	35	10			
Hiawatha, Kan.	F. H. Fisher	"	1	80	27	6	519	51	109	20	350	250	250
Holton, Kan.	S. A. Alt	"	2	41	6	4	321	78	105	14	100	400	400
Imogene, Ia.	J. F. Butler	"	1	50	6	1	250	20	45	10	200	30	30
Iola, Kan.	L. S. Faust	"	2	35	8	3	347	82	100	30	210	250	250
Kansas City, Mo.	R. W. Love, D.D.	"	1	44	13	6	501	99	89	31	275	335	335
Leighton, Ia.	R. R. Lackey	"	2	104	12	5	575	99	214	41	450	100	100
Lincoln, Neb.	T. F. Stauffer	"	1	57	3	6	125	31	79	20	200	355	355
Liston, Ia.	L. P. Krome	"	2	134	6	2	855	161	170	43	380	120	120
Liscomb, Ia.	W. B. Jackson	"	2	71	15	6	356	74	156	32	350	150	150
Lone Tree, Ia.	S. Shaw	"	1	72	5	6	450	15	135	10	420	150	150
Lyons, Kan.	F. G. Mathes	"	1	53	14	1	200	46	56	20	150	300	300
Maquoketa, Ia.	D. F. Boomerahine	"	2	93	10	5	450	113	169	25	200	250	250
St. Joseph, Mo.	D. A. Winter	"	2	82	28	2	459	141	293	20	300	400	400
Stonington, Ill.	D. N. Frantz	"	2	97	13	1	815	118	121	24	450	150	150
St. Joseph, Mo.	H. S. Gekeler	"	1	89	4	6	733	81	115	25	400	600	600
Tipton, Ia.	J. A. Hunsicker	"	1	64		1	411	4	35	10	400	100	100
White Water, Kan.	C. D. Schaffer	"	1	40	10	3	400	50	70	12	200	400	400
Wichita, Kan.	Bruce Griffith	"	1	107	23	17	570	146	155	40	350	425	425
Wilton Junction, Ia.	J. C. Beade	"	1	65	4		320	56	60	20	300	125	125
Zions, Neb.	G. Venning	"	1	61	6	1	450	50	90	20	400	200	200
Otis and Ransom	Vacant	Potomac	2	40			30	10	40				
Baltimore, Md.	A. S. Weber	"	1	114	31	31	703	82	535	25	480	630	630
Baltimore, Md.	W. I. Stewart	"	1	159	20	11	1073	95	200	60	600	400	400
Baltimore, Md.	C. W. Levan	"	1	75	11	2	558	43	107	6	900	900	900
Baltimore, Md.	F. W. Bald	"	1	53	23	3	71	32	231	15	800	800	800
Duncannon, Pa.	J. D. Miller	"	2	191	21	6	754	71	236	36	515	125	125
Harrisonburg, Va.	J. S. Garrison	"	1	16	3	1	652	19	63	8	150	200	200
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Paul Barringer	"	2	147	8	9	448	67	125	15	300	30	30
Roanoke, Va.	Lewis Reiter	"	1	22	4		241	20	48	5	100	700	700
Salisbury, N. C.	W. H. Stabblebine	"	1	11	11		308	2	15		500	500	500
Thomasville, N. C.	Clarence Clapp	"	2	190	12	4	241	33	230	8	130	300	300
Washington, D. C.	A. T. G. Apple	"	1	129	9	17	1089	142	99		400	700	700
Winchester, Va.	J. B. Stonelifer	"	2	113	5	3	430	117	129	15	250	250	250
Woodberry, Md.	E. R. Dealrick	"	1	172	8	8	948	210	192	20	675	125	125
Allentown, Pa.	W. J. Hinke	Eastern	1	145	43	11	844	58	289	20	550	200	200
Bridgeport, Conn.	A. Kallassay	"	4	120	16	13	1044		60	60	240	300	300
Harrisburg, Pa.	M. H. Sangree	"	1	25	25	16	1160	19	158	37	200	750	750
Harbor Miss'n N. Y.	Paul Sommerlatte	"									1000	1000	1000
Lancaster, Pa.	W. F. Lichtler	"	2	243	18	10	1035	96	500	50	400	150	150
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Hung Vacant	"	2	180							400	400	400
New York City Hung	B. Demeter	"	1	160		3	440				300	600	600
Norristown, Pa.	B. Bates	"	1	68	68	2	670	68	207		160	500	500
Philadelphia, Pa.	W. Delaney	"	1	125	16	45	1027		275	20	600	200	200
Philadelphia, Pa.	C. B. Alapach	"	1	185	35	27	1165	237	360	20	350	750	750
Philadelphia, Pa.	J. H. String	"	2	65	17	19	1413	43	364		100	700	700
Philadelphia, Pa.	H. H. Apple	"	1	126	31	6	2244	120	172	40	450	600	600
Philadelphia, Pa.	H. A. Bomberger	"	1	108	18	4	1647	128	363	25	400	700	700
Philadelphia, Pa.	E. W. Middleton	"	1	55	23	3	1922	10	168	4	100	675	675
Phoenixville, Pa.	S. H. Seem	"	1	180	31	6	1650	105	196		500	150	150
Reading, Pa.	J. P. Stein	"	1	225	50	35	1230	76	259	60	800	200	200
Royers Ford, Pa.	O. H. E. Rauch	"	1	127	34	17	620	39	203	30	400	125	125
Seranton, Pa.	G. W. Welsh	"	1	63	22	32	650	55	112	20	180	250	250
South Norwalk, Conn.	G. Dokus	"	1	116		8	335			3	120	420	420
Steeleton, Pa.	H. H. Sangree	"	1	185	3	3	1102	117	212		450	600	600
Tower City, Pa.	L. D. Steckel	"	2	124	16	9	909	34	191	23	365	275	275
Trenton, N. J. Hung	Guatav Jurany	"	2	250	18	8	190	100	25	20	100	400	400
Superintendent	D. S. Fouse	"										1200	1200
"	A. C. Whitmer	"										1200	1200
"	A. R. Dechant	"										1200	1200

On this roll is found Rev. Darms, who is supported in part by the General Board and in part by the German Board of the East. Rev. J. C. Horning is found in this list, but half his salary is paid by the Sunday-school Board. Rev. Strassner and his congregation have, heretofore, belonged to the Central Synod, but his people have voted to unite with the Tuscarawas Classis of the Ohio Synod. The amounts which the "Board appropriated" refers to the year from April 1st, 1896, to April 1st, 1897. What the Board will pay for the year beginning April 1st, 1897, cannot be determined as yet, as the Board will fix the appropriations at the approaching annual meeting. "What the missions can pay for salary" is the amount which each mission considers itself able to pay for the year from April, 1897, to April, 1898. It will be seen that if all the missions had been supplied with pastors, as they now appear on the roll, the sum of \$46,000 would have been required to pay them. This includes English, Hungarian, Bohemian, and some German missions, with the salaries also of the Superintendents. But the actual sum required was about \$41,000 to pay all these men; and this out of the sum of \$48,000 which was promised the Board. Had all the money been paid that was promised, the Board would now be out of debt, and would have, at least, \$7,000 in its treasury. As it is, the Board has reached its utmost limits. No more missions can be enrolled for the present, and quite a marked reduction must be made in the appropriation, to the missions now on the roll.

It will be noticed, however, that for the ensuing year, the Classes will be asked, by the action of General Synod, to apportion the sum of \$52,000 for English, Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions. If this sum is raised, by the Church, the work can be very greatly extended. May the Lord put it into hearts and minds of our people to do liberal things for this work.

THE EXTENSION WORK.

This department of the work continues to be of the utmost importance; more so, indeed, than we as a Church appreciate. The Board has been, in years past, greatly hampered in its operations, for the lack of extension funds. The General Synod, at Dayton, had this matter under consideration, and took action very favorable to an increase of funds for this work. That body passed an action looking to the founding of a permanent fund of \$100,000, to be known as the Michael Schlatter Fund. As the year 1897 is the Sesqui-Centennial of the founding of the first Synod of our Church in this country, it was deemed important that this should be a year of special celebrations and offerings for the extension cause, since in this way the Church can, in the most appropriate way, set forth the spirit of the first great missionary, Michael Schlatter. The action provides that in five years from October 1st, 1896, the sum of \$100,000 shall

be collected in the Church for this purpose. Never was there more important action taken.

The General Synod recommended, also, that the Classes and Synods shall, during the year 1897, hold conferences for the proper consideration of the question of church extension in the home land, and that these conferences be made the occasion for the gathering of large funds for this feature of the work. The Board heartily commends this action of the General Synod to the earnest consideration of the District Synods and the Classes, and hopes that such Synodical and Classical conferences will be held, and the matter of the much-needed extension fund duly discussed, and the proper plans laid for its accumulation. The Michael Schlatter Fund of \$100,000 should be raised in the Church in the time specified. Every effort to this end should be put forth. Only a fund of such an amount can meet the demands of the city and town work now undertaken by the Church.

Treasurer Boush, of the extension department, reports that the following amounts of money came into his hands from April 1st, 1896, to April 1st, 1897:

From \$500 and other Funds.....	\$4449.35
From Apportionments and other Donations.....	3609.91
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	\$8058.26

This was a pretty fair income for the year, but notwithstanding this, the Board had to borrow some money to carry on the work. Some borrowed money was paid, however, so that the indebtedness is not much larger than last year. There are at least three missions that should be provided with lots, and when these are provided for, then the Board must pay up its indebtedness, in large part, at least, before any additional lots are purchased.

Last year the Board requested that the Synods give it an average, per capita, for this work, of six cents per member. We believe all the English Synods voted favorably on this request, but we find that a number of the Classes in the Eastern portions of the Church did not assume this very small apportionment at all. The consequence is, that a portion of the English Church gives absolutely nothing for the extension work except what is given for merely local work. How these portions of the Church can expect our Zion to extend her influence over the large extent of territory open to her, is hard to understand. Instead of failing to give anything, the apportionments for this work should be gladly raised, especially when the sum asked is so insignificant.

The Board therefore asks of the Classes and Synods, that an apportionment of *six cents per member* be given the Board for this good and very important work. If the membership,

in general, will average six cents, then, with the larger donations given by individuals here and there, the work can be carried forward as now inaugurated, and, at least, part of the indebtedness cancelled that now rests on the Board. The Board hopes that every Classis and Synod will accept this *six cent* apportionment.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Board esteems it the proper thing to do to give a detailed statement of its current expenses for the year. The Church has a right to know, and it is the duty of the Board to furnish, a statement of all the running expenses of the Board. We doubt very much whether any Board in any Church does as large an amount of business, over so large a territory, with as small an expense bill as the Home Board. We give the statement in a detailed form. To itemize every expense would make a very long and tedious report. We give it in such form as to easily indicate the expenses for the year.

Annual meeting of full Board April 1896 at Greensburg, Pa..	\$135.96
Quarterly meeting, Ex. Committee, July '96 at Pittsburg, Pa.	88.90
Quarterly meeting Oct. 1896, at Pittsburg, Pa.....	116.97
Quarterly meeting January, 1897, Pittsburg, Pa.....	84.86
Traveling and other expenses during the year for Superintendent D. S. Fouse.....	251.00
Traveling and other expenses during the year for Superintendent A. C. Whitmer.....	257.58
Traveling and other expenses of Superintendent Shuey, April 1, '96, to October, '96.....	58.84
Traveling and other expenses of Superintendent Dechant..	130.32
Salary of Secretary, Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D.....	50.00
Salary of C. M. Boush, as Attorney of the Board; also Treasurer of Extension Fund.....	80.00
For printing 2000 Extension Booklets.....	80.00
For printing 5000 Leaflets.....	23.00
For 5000 copies of this Report, as per contract.....	65.00
Total	\$1422.43

These figures represent postage and every other expense connected with the meetings of the Board.

It will be noticed that the whole expense was \$1,422.43. The expenses of the Superintendents include traveling, expenses on reports, postage on circulars, booklets, leaflets, envelopes, and printing of circulars and other matter. Considering the immense distances to be traversed, one need not wonder at the expense of traveling of Superintendents. Treasurer Boush, who is also the attorney of the Board, up to January 1, 1897, received only \$10 per quarter. For both these offices the Board fixed the salary at \$200 per annum from January 1, 1897. In an ordinary year, when there is much less printing done, the expenses are also considerably less.

As an offset to these expenses, it should be here stated, that the Superintendents collected during the past year, from

delinquent charges and other sources, a large sum of money that would never have come into the hands of the Board, but for the services of these men. Much of their salary was also collected in this way.

All the expenses were kept at as low a figure as possible. The Board allows the Secretary \$50 per annum, which is merely a nominal salary for the amount of labor performed. The amount of work now done runs up to at least \$60,000 a year, when expressed in dollars and cents. It must be admitted, we think, that the Board has kept its expenses within very moderate limits.

It seems to become more and more necessary for the Superintendents to act as financial agents of the Board, in addition to the other labors they must perform. This will add greatly to the labors of the office, but these labors seem necessary, and they should be willingly undertaken for the good of the cause.

THE GERMAN WORK.

This report would not be complete without an account of the operations of the German Boards. We have received from the proper authorities of these Boards, facts and statistics which are of interest to the whole Church. It will be seen that during the past year a number of new missions were founded in large and important centers of population. The Germans continue to come to America in spite of the stringent times, and, as many of these are members of the Reformed Church, it becomes us to look after them and provide for their spiritual welfare. These people are going into the vast region of country lying to the Northwest, between St. Paul, Minn., and Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is rapidly becoming the great wheat-producing district, and, in course of years, will number millions in population. Some years ago the General Board had calls from this region for German pastors, but it did not feel itself in a position to deal with the question of German mission work, for lack of men and means. It is, therefore, gratifying to the Church to know that the Germans are grappling with the question of the extension of the mission work into this vast territory. They are now arranging for the organization of congregations in the Winnipeg region. Doubtless other districts, in the far Northwest, will receive attention in due time.

The German brethren have also under consideration, the renewal, on a more extensive scale, of the German work on the Pacific Coast. To this end they will ask the aid of the General Board. What this Board will be able to do, under the present financial conditions, must be determined at the annual meeting on April 27th, 1897, at Pittsburg, Pa. All will agree, however, that the work should have all the encouragement possible. Our German brethren on the Pacific Coast should not be left to struggle alone and finally be compelled to give up in despair.

We here give the roll of German missions, with membership and amount of appropriation:

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Number of members.	How much does the mission pay?	Amount of Appropriation by the Board.
West Bay City, Mich.	N. Ruetenik	50	\$35.0	\$125 00
Port Hope, Mich.	Vacant	107	175	125 00
Elk Rapids, Mich.	Isaac Matsinger	105	240	125 00
Bethany, Detroit, Mich.	Abr. Schneck	113	270	450 00
Marion, Ind.	G. M. Hirsch	86	140	275 00
Wausau, Wis.	F. C. Schnuelle	104	68	300 00
South Kaukauna, Wis.	Francis Aigner	109	160	250 00
Clark Co., Wis.	F. Dallmus	89		100 00
Haughville, Ind.	F. Kalbfleisch	68	100	300 00
Springdale and Brightwood, Ind.	Julius Grauel	91	200	400 00
Stanford, Ky.	Wm. Stechow	78	100	200 00
Nashville, Tenn.	J. J. Von Grunigen	124	200	400 00
Friedens, Minn.	Vacant	125	200	275 00
Lincoln, Neb.	August Kanne	104	100	550 00
Melbourne, Iowa	S. Ellicker	69	250	150 00
St. Louis, Mo.	F. W. Horstmeier	287	150	400 00
Friedens, Chicago	J. E. Traeger	83	200	200 00
Marion, Ohio	F. C. Witthoff	181	292	200 00
Findley, Ohio	F. W. Englemann	70	300	100 00
Toledo, Ohio	T. Wernly	180	300	400 00
Lorain, Ohio	Vacant	84		450 00
Millersburg, Ohio	Wm. Grether	275	415	150 00
Norwood, Ohio	Vacant	107	300	500 00
Dayton, Ohio	Ernst Krampe	24		300 00
Winnipeg, Manitoba	Wm. Hausen	100		600 00
Plymouth, Wis.	Ernst Stiencker			300 00
Appleton, Mo.	Vacant	100		300 00
Hohemoald, Tenn.	J. J. Von Grunigen			300 00
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	W. N. Lahr			300 00
New Rockford, N. D.	Vacant			200 00
Ft. Kearney and York, Neb.	A. Pluss			200 00
Glennville, Ohio	J. B. Kosower			300 00
Martha Memorial, N. Y.	Paul Schnatz	297	600	280 00
St. Luke's, Philadelphia, Pa.	M. F. Dumstrey	223	458	300 00
St. Johns, Philadelphia	John Voegelin	126	200	202 50
Philadelphia, Pa.	U. O. Salvius	130	250	406 00
Buffalo, N. Y.	N. Eickelberg	190	350	250 00
St. Paul, Buffalo, N. Y.	John M. G. Darns	84		270 00
Buffalo, N. Y.	Wm. Bollman	66	250	250 00
Friedens, Baltimore, Md.	H. Wiemer	127	300	363 75
Holyoke, Mass.	H. Van Hagan	220	375	400 00
Jacksonville, Md.	J. Weyware	27	158	100 00

The missions at the foot of the roll of the Western German Board, have been lately organized, and the first annual report has not been furnished, and therefore the statistics are incomplete. The last ten missions in the list belong to the Eastern German Synod. It will be seen that these missions are all in large cities or flourishing towns, and have plenty of material upon which to build up thrifty congregations.

The German Mission Boards are also doing considerable work along the lines of church extension. The Board of the German Synod of the East has just made arrangements to strengthen this arm of the work, but has no fund on hand, as yet, with which to do aggressive work. It is, however, now accumulating such a fund.

The German Bi-Synodic Board of the West has a fund of

\$24,015.61 with which to carry forward the extension work. These funds are telling favorably for the spread of the Church. The German Synods, like the English, are becoming convinced that the mission work of the Church cannot be advanced, as it should be, without funds for this particular department.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The General Board of Missions and the Sunday-school Board still labor together harmoniously. During the past year little new work could be taken up. For this reason, Brother J. C. Horning, the very efficient Sunday-school Missionary, was employed most of the time in supplying missions already established. It was the intention of both Boards that work should commence in St. Louis, Mo., by the organization of a Sunday-school, of which Brother Horning should have charge. But the organization of a Sunday-school in such a city means almost the immediate organization of a congregation, and this in turn means the purchase of a lot and building of a church. This latter work the Board is not able to do, at this time, so that it was deemed best not to commence the work until the financial conditions are more encouraging.

The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod had promised the Board the annual sum of \$4,000 for its work. During the three years prior to the meeting of the General Synod at Dayton, little more than half the sum promised was paid. At the meeting of the Society at Dayton, the same sum was again promised. If the Board will receive this sum, it will be a great help toward the extension of the work. The Board hopes that these societies will take a more general interest in the home work.

During the year, the Board had printed and distributed in the Church, 2,000 copies of a "booklet" on the "Extension Work of the Church," with the hope that it may awaken a more general interest in this department of the work. It is believed that it has accomplished some good already. Then, too, the Board sent out a "leaflet" on the present condition of the Board, with an appeal for aid to relieve the present stress in which the Board finds itself. This, we know, has accomplished considerable good, if we may judge by the amount of money received as an answer thereto. Other circulars and tracts were sent out during the year, for the information of the people, and 45,000 envelopes have been distributed gratis among the churches for the Easter offering.

The Board had published, and sends out 5,000 copies of this report. These copies are sufficient to supply all the pastors, consistories, missionary and endeavor societies. The Board is anxious that these shall have the report, as they are the official persons and bodies, so to speak, of the congregations. The Board hopes that they will be used to good effect to help

awaken a greater interest in the work throughout the Church. For the membership of the Church in general, the most important portions of this report will be published, from time to time, in the "Reformed Church Tidings."

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, the Board has great reason for thanksgiving for the progress made during the year. Hoping and praying that this report, setting forth the progress of the work, may be read with interest, and may also accomplish much good, it is now sent forth in the name of the Master, whose cause it represents.

D. S. FOUSE,
Missionary Superintendent.

III.—A Communication from the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, Concerning the Deficiency in the Treasury.

The communication was read on Thursday afternoon and was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions, held in Pittsburg, Pa., October 5, 1897, the following was adopted, to wit:

That the Board hereby appeals to the different English Synods to adopt measures to immediately relieve the Board of its pressing financial embarrassment, and, in order to do this, suggests that each Synod designate a day on which a special offering shall be taken in each of its congregations for the purpose of raising \$10,000 over and above the apportionment for the current year, to meet a loan made at the meeting in July, 1897, to pay the missionaries.

That Superintendent D. S. Fouse and Elder C. M. Boush be appointed to lay this action before the Pittsburg Synod at its present annual meeting.

J. A. PETERS, *President.*

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary.*

IV.—A Communication from the Secretary of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

The report of the General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions was read Thursday morning and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The report is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting to your reverend body our annual statement of the progress and condition of our Foreign Mission work, we would be remiss did

we fail, first of all to record with thankful hearts, the gracious care and blessing vouchsafed us by a favoring Providence.

The past year records a history of exceptional embarrassments and difficulties in the work of Christian Missions. With the field never before so inviting for aggressive movements, and the door of opportunity never so widely thrown open, a forward movement has been held in arrest by a growing shortage of means. This is true of both the Home and Foreign work. So distressing has the hindrance proved, as not only to forbid advance movement, but even to threaten the necessity of abandoning advantages already gained. This evil has been widely felt among the Churches, nor has our own entirely escaped. This is true especially of our Home work, as we all sadly know. It is therefore with profound gratitude to God that our Foreign Board is able to say that it finds itself, in large part, a surprising exception to this wide-spread experience. A few months ago the outlook for it was unpromising. But the good Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of our people, so that our work is going uninterruptedly forward. This, of course, does not imply that we have made any advance in the accumulation of means for the planting of a new Mission in China. Provision for that yet remains to be made.

The progress of evangelization in Japan has not been, for the last few years, as marked as we could desire. The people are absorbed in their political affairs. Their victory over China has served to inflame them with a spirit of ambition and ultra-nationality, and they are disinclined to give heed to the interests of religion. Many who have professed Christianity are led astray, and not a few have fallen away. This will account for the fact that, although accessions by baptism are quite encouraging, the number of active church members shows but little increase.

One of the material causes of this evil is the want of a sufficient number of really efficient evangelists. While our Tohoku Gakuin is yearly sending out good young men, many besides have to be employed who fail in efficiency. To dismiss these last, would be to close some preaching stations. Hence they are retained until better men can be secured. This serves in a telling manner, to emphasize the importance of our Training School.

With the expansion of our work, another want is making itself more keenly felt. These Japanese evangelists are mostly young men, but recently converted from heathenism. They are comparatively "babes in Christ," and it is not strange that they need, in their fields, the oversight of our missionaries. They should be frequently visited by our American Christians. This our missionaries do, even beyond their strength. Only two of them, however, devote their full time to evangelistic

work, viz: Revs. Dr. Moore and Miller. The rest of them are engaged in teaching in the school. But what are two men in a territory 700 miles long by 200 wide? This branch of our work will need to be reinforced in the near future. The arrangement by which it was expected to locate our missionaries at different points in our extended field, has been but partially effected. Rev. Dr. Moore has removed to Tokyo, and is doing an admirable work there. Rev. H. K. Miller still remains in Sendai, pushing forward his Miyamachi work, at which point he is erecting a Chapel; and having been appointed Principal of the Evangelistic Work, will travel widely in the northern part of our field, giving special attention to Yamagata. Rev. S. S. Snyder having been appointed Treasurer of the Industrial Home, cannot as yet be spared from Sendai.

Our two Schools are in a prosperous condition. During the last year there were 147 students in the Tohoku Gakuin, of whom 58 are Christians, and 21 of them theological students, of whom eight graduated. Eleven students were baptized during the year. Nearly all of the non-Christians, are new students. The Girls' School had 57 scholars last year, and is going prosperously forward. During a recent violent earthquake, two of the younger scholars were seriously injured, but are now about recovered.

During the year, two additional missionaries have been sent to the field: Mr. Paul L. Gerhard and Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh. Mr. Gerhard is unordained, and takes the chair of English Language and Literature in the Tohoku Gakuin. This chair was established to relieve the teachers of other branches, and to afford them more time for the study of the Japanese language. Miss Rohrbaugh goes into the Girls' School as an additional teacher, as it is found that the labors of the other two ladies were too great. The Board was enabled to send her out by the W. M. S. G. S. assuming the cost, as also her support.

As already intimated, the finances of the Board are at the present time in a fairly comfortable condition. We have but little or no embarrassing indebtedness. This condition, however, can be maintained only by a full payment of the apportionment named by General Synod. Our work is increasing every year, and so, of course, are our expenses. Of the \$35,000 apportioned by General Synod, \$30,000 are estimated for the Japan work, and \$5,000 for a new Mission in China. For the Japan work we will need that sum. We would, therefore, most respectfully ask your reverend body to take such action as will assure for us your Synod's share of the full sum. You will please notice that \$30,000 for a membership of over 225,000 is exceedingly small. Should the Church furnish the

Board with the additional \$5,000, it will hasten to take steps to plant the new Mission.

By order of the Board.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 30, 1897.

V.—A Communication from the Publishing Committee of the Reformed Church Tidings.

The report of the Publishing Committee of the Reformed Church Tidings, was read on Saturday afternoon and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The report is as follows:

To the Several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: In behalf of the Joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Sunday School Work, we beg leave to report that the favorable action taken by your reverend body, respecting Reformed Church Tidings, was loyally and generally accepted by our congregations. The paid circulation during the first year exceeded 25,000 copies. The advertising receipts were good, considering the fact that an advertising medium must be established before it gains the confidence and receives the patronage of the advertiser.

Starting without capital or experience, it could hardly be expected that Tidings would pay its way the first year. But the financial statement herewith given shows that within the next year or so the paper can be made at least self-supporting. The money advanced by the several Boards has actually been earned by the increased offerings flowing in, and the enlarged business of the Sunday School Board.

Abstract of Account.

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

Printing, posting, office expense.....	\$5170.89
Salaries and commissions.....	2115.36
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	\$7286.25

RECEIPTS.

From subscriptions	\$2547.55
From advertising	1672.49
From advertising earned and not paid.....	799 35
From guardian list	11.60
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	\$4030.99
Advanced as a loan from Board of Home Missions....	\$525
Board of Foreign Missions	500
Sunday School Board	700 1725.00
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	\$5755.99

It is proper to report that plans have been adopted to

materially reduce the running expenses in the matter of salaries, printing, etc.

Renewals and new subscriptions are being received daily in encouraging numbers. It would seem that there is no doubt that the paper has won a warm place in the hearts of our people. Ministers and church members alike have expressed themselves as delighted with it, and have assured us of the great good it is doing.

The fact can be stated that in sections of the Church where Tidings circulates most largely, the apportionments for missions are proportionately better paid by a number of charges.

To make Tidings self-supporting and a source of profit to the several Boards, it is necessary that the original plan be put into execution, viz: that so far as possible a copy be placed in every family in every congregation in the Church.

To this end we again respectfully request your reverend body to take such action as will bring the attention of the several Classes, the pastors and consistories of the various charges to the importance of devising ways and means to place Reformed Church Tidings into every family in the Church.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman*,
C. S. GERHARD, D.D., *Secretary*,
S. N. CALLENDER, D.D.,

T. J. BARKLEY, D.D.,
J. L. LEMBERGER,
F. G. HOBSON.

READING, PA., October 1st, 1897.

The following correction to the above report has been received from the Chairman since the meeting of Synod:

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

Printing, postage, office expense.....	\$5,170 89
D. B. Shuey.....	1,100 00
Advertising Department.....	1,015 36
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	\$7,286 25

RECEIPTS AND ASSETS.

From subscriptions.....	\$2,547 55
From advertising.....	1,672 49
From advertising earned, not paid.....	799 35
From advertising contracted for and not earned.....	322 90
From <i>Guardian</i> list.....	11 60
Advanced as a loan from Board of Home Missions....	\$525 00
Advanced as a loan from Board of Foreign Missions..	500 00
Advanced as a loan from Sunday-school Board.....	700 00
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	1,725 00
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	\$7,078 89

VI.—Resolution on Deficiency in the Treasury of Board of Home Missions of General Synod.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on Monday afternoon:

WHEREAS, There exists a large deficiency in the contributions for Home Missions, greatly crippling the operations of

the Board, preventing the establishment of new missions in places where they are urgently called for and causing great privation and suffering to the missionaries in the field; and, whereas, this deficiency is believed to be due largely to sectional divisions in certain portions of the Church, especially in the two Eastern Synods, and to a diversion of funds which should properly go to the support of missions to other objects; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its profound regret at the existing condition of things in the Church, and especially at its disastrous effects upon the work of Home Missions.

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully overtures the General Synod to adopt measures by which every portion of the Church and every single congregation may be brought to contribute its fair share towards the support of Home Missions as well as other common objects, and by which new impulse and life may be communicated to the cause of Home Missions, which is a cause of most vital importance to the Reformed Church at the present time.

VII.—Report of the Standing Committee on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported on Monday forenoon. The report was considered by items. Items 1 to 4 were severally adopted. The sums recommended in items 5 and 6 were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. And the items 5 and 6 adopted and the report as a whole adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

The papers referred to us are:

1. The Report of Synod's Board of Missions.
2. The Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.
3. A communication from the same Board concerning the deficiency in its Treasury.
4. A communication from Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.
5. A communication from the Sunday School Board respecting the Reformed Church Tidings.

We are glad to learn that notwithstanding the stringency of the times, neither the Home nor Foreign Mission Work has been compelled to narrow its limits, but it is to be very much regretted that the several Boards have not been able to expand their work, and to make favorable answer to the many calls made upon them from new and promising points, owing to the lack of funds. And it is a sad fact that, unless the Board of Home Missions is speedily relieved of the heavy debt rest-

ing upon it, it will not be able to make any further effort to enlarge its work, but may on the contrary be compelled to retrench to such an extent as to imperil much of what has been hitherto gained at the cost of much labor and no little sacrifice on the part of many. Whilst this Synod has in recent years contributed to this cause more than the amount asked of it, there is still room for more liberal contributions to both Home and Foreign Missions.

We regret that nothing could be done by our Board for the places of interest to which its attention was called last year, namely: Punxsutawney, Vandergrift, Duquesne and Homestead.

We recommend the following for consideration and adoption:

Resolved, (1) That we commend the cause of both Home and Foreign Missions to the prayers and liberality of our people, and urge the several Classes to adopt such measures as shall bring these interests home to their hearts that all may learn the duty and experience the blessedness of giving to the Lord.

Resolved, (2) That we again call the attention of Synod's Board to the points of interest within our own bounds.

Resolved, (3) That we lament the fact that the deficiency in the Treasury of the General Board still exists, and that the special effort made by the General Superintendent last spring, brought only partial relief, and that while this Synod has already done more than was required of it by the apportionments placed upon it, we nevertheless set apart the second Sunday before Advent to be sacredly devoted to prayers and the giving of alms for the relief of the Board of Home Missions.

Resolved, (4) That we commend the Reformed Church Tidings to our people, and request the Classes to take action by which a copy may be placed in every family.

(5) We also recommend the following apportionments:

For Home Missions.....	\$4,500
For Hungarian Work.....	450
For Harbor Missions.....	90
Total	<hr/> \$5,040

We also recommend the apportionment of six cents per member for Church Extension.

We recommend also the continuation of the apportionment of \$2,600, commonly called the Tentative Apportionment for Foreign Missions.

Resolved, (6) That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to

pay the expenses of Synod's Board of Missions, amounting to \$19.08.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER,
D. A. SOUDERS, JOS. RUMBAUGH,
E. P. SKYLES, GEO. W. RUBRIGHT.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I.—Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa., to July, 1897.

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home reported Friday morning. The part calling for the election of 12 Directors was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. The report proper was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board begs leave to report as follows: The management of the Home has been on the same general plan and policy as in preceding years, and the Christian, intellectual and physical training of the children has received due attention, with satisfactory results. At the date to which this report ends, viz: June 1, 1897, the number of Church orphans in the Home is 50 (fifty), and 27 pay children. This increased disproportion in numbers requires an increased financial support from the Church, or will necessitate a diminution of the number of Church orphans.

In view of the fact that a deficit of \$1,000 in the current expense of the Home existed at the close of the year, requiring a loan, and hence an additional indebtedness of that amount, we desire Synod to either instruct us as to the further admission of destitute orphans until the number has decreased to be within our income, or furnish the means to avoid additional indebtedness. The situation is sufficiently grave to challenge a deliverance from Synod as to what shall be the future policy of the Board.

For your information, we incorporate the report of the Treasurer of the Home:

B. Wolf, Jr., Treasurer, in Account with St. Paul's Orphan Home.

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To cash contribution from Sunday Schools, churches and friends	\$2,958.92
To cash pay children	3,286.60
" orphan friend	69.00
" product of the farm	11.00
" invested funds	438.98
" net proceeds from two notes discounted by Third National Bank	687.80

To cash loaned from Rev. P. C. Prugh, guardian of Clara Brown (note given.....	1,250.00
Balance due Treasurer	30.71
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	\$8,733.01

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June 15. Balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 118.31
June 17. Cash for insurance (3 years).....	60.00
June 18. " to Rev. McConnell, expenses attending meeting of Board	5.04
July 3. Cash, P. C. Prugh, superintendent.....	300.00
Oct. 13. " " " "	400.00
Nov. 3. Discount on renewal of \$300 note, 90 days.....	4.60
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Jan. 12. Bills payable, paid note due Jan. 3d, Third Nat Bank	400.00
Jan. 22. Cash to P. C. Prugh, superintendent.....	400.00
Jan. 29. Bills payable, paid note due Feb. 3d, Third Nat. Bank	300.00
Feb. 11. Cash, P. C. Prugh, superintendent.....	725.00
Feb. 11. Interest to B. Wolf, Jr., on \$9,900 note, due Dec. 13th, 1896	297.00
Feb. 19. Paid on note to B. Wolf, Jr., on \$9,900 note.....	1,250.00
May 3. Paid P. C. Prugh, superintendent.....	845.41
June 7. " " " "	67.60
June 7. " " " "	3,286.60
June 7. Interest to B. Wolf, Jr., on note due him to June 13, 1897	273.45
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	\$8,733.01

Endowment Fund	\$7,316.35
Indebtedness June, 1897.....	\$9,930.71

We respectfully suggest that this Synod so modify the action of a year ago, as to recommend to our Churches and Sunday Schools, Christmas and Children's Day as suitable times in which to make offerings for the support of the Home.

It has been discovered that the charter of incorporation of the Home limits the number of the Board of Directors to twelve (12). Under some misapprehension of this fact, the number hitherto has been sixteen. The Board thinks that it would be well at this time to conform our action to the terms prescribed by the charter. We therefore recommend that the Synod elect twelve Directors, so as to comply with the act of incorporation, these Directors to take the place of the Board now in office.

The Board takes pleasure in recording the fact that friends and supporters of the Home from different parts of our Synod, to the number of about 4,000, assembled at the Home in one grand social gathering, on August 12th, for the purpose of seeing our Home and becoming better acquainted with its inmates and management. The Superintendent provided amply for the entertainment of all at a moderate and reasonable expense. The financial gain to the Home treasury was \$435.

This Board requests your reverend body to appoint a

committee of five, who shall be authorized to fix and announce a certain day to be known as "St. Paul's Orphan Home Day," arrange for excursion or excursion rates over the various railroads as far as possible, and invite all friends and supporters of the Home to gather there on said day; and also provide a program suitable to the occasion.

Commending the Home and all its inmates to the Father of the fatherless and the prayers and alms of His people, this report is

Respectfully submitted.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President of the Board.

WILKINSBURG, PA., October 8, 1897.

II.—Report of Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions reported Saturday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions would report:

First. The Board held a meeting on October 8th, 1897, and was organized by the election of D. H. Leader, *President*, and D. B. Lady, D.D., *Clerk*.

The business before the Board at this meeting was report of the Board of Trustees of C. C. Institute, made through their President. This institution is the only one over which your Board has jurisdiction. From this report of its Trustees, we learn:

First. That the school has prosecuted its work without interruption during the past year, with Prof. W. L. Smith as Principal, assisted by two additional teachers, and with an attendance of students varying from 10 to 12 during the winter term, to 50 or 60 during the summer term.

Second. That the property is in fairly good repair, but with a few hundred dollars of an outlay could be greatly improved.

Third. With reference to the proposed transfer of this institute to the entire ownership of Synod—a proposition made by the Board of Trustees of the same and accepted by Synod one year ago—it would seem that said Board has not been able to carry this action into effect and complete the transfer; nor does it appear clear to the Trustees of the institute as to whether they shall be at all able to do so. The cause of this has not been made clear to your Board, beyond the statement that Clarion Classis had postponed action on this matter for one year from its last annual meeting. We mention these facts for your information, and, if need be, further consideration,

and would commend anew the institution to your care and patronage.

D. H. LEADER,
GEO. E. LIMBERT,

D. B. LADY,
I. F. SNYDER.

III.—Report of Franklin and Marshall College.

The report of Franklin and Marshall College was read on Thursday morning. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave to present the following report on behalf of Franklin and Marshall College:

The enrollment of students during the past year has been as follows: Graduate Students, 2; Seniors, 31; Juniors, 56; Sophomores, 33; Freshmen, 44; Special Students, 12; total, 178.

The following students received the degree of A.B. at the late commencement: John Wilson Albertson, Charles Grosh Baker, Walter Melot Bertolet, William Schaeffer Bertolet, Allen Klein Faust, Harry Milton Foglesonger, Howard Gurney Fretz, Sydney Jacob Hartman, Charles Elmer Hower, Charles Thomson Isenberger, Howard Augustus Keiser, Robert Miller Kern, John Joseph Knappenberger, Calvin Weiss Lawfer, William Franklin Long, Henry Hiester Manwiller, Jesse Eugene Mateer, John Daniel Meyer, Charles Elwood Overholser, Charles Brady Pennypacker, Charles Bernard Rebert, Harry Harbaugh Rupp, Frederick Augustus Rupp, Jacob Edgar Scheetz, Charles Patterson Stahr, Edgar Nelson Transeau, Scott Raymond Wagner, William Winfred Walter, Howard Dare White, Harry Baker Yohn, Clarence Edgar Zimmerman.

The degree of A.M. in course was conferred upon Ambrose Cort, Arthur A. Heller, and Rev. Luther D. Reed, of the class of '92; Rev. Ernest E. Weaver, class of '93; Harry N. Haas, Harvey W. Metzler, J. Frank Meyer, Edward L. Pontz, and William F. Ziegler, of the class of '94.

The degree of A.M. for work done and the presentation of a thesis was conferred upon Eugene H. Bobb, of the class of '95.

The following honorary degrees were conferred: The degree of D.D. upon the Rev. John W. Steinmetz, of Reading, Pa.; the degree of LL.D. upon the Hon. John D. Livingston, of Lancaster, Pa.

The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was, upon the recommendation of the Faculty and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, conferred upon the Rev. C. Clifton Clark, of Elizabeth, N. J.; the Rev. E. Ranson Deatricks, of

Woodbury, Md., and the Rev. William I. Stewart, of Baltimore, Md.

The number of new students admitted at the beginning of the present year is as follows: Seniors, 1; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 3; Freshmen, 36; students taking a partial course, 7; total, 51.

The financial results of the year's operations is fully as encouraging as could be expected. A good deal of damage was done to the College building, the Observatory, and the Academy building, by the heavy storm last autumn, and a great many trees on the campus were blown down or broken. The expenses for necessary repairs were, therefore, heavier than usual. The outlay for necessary apparatus and material in the Scientific Department was also greatly increased on account of the large number of students. The Committee on Grounds and Buildings expended \$2,858.61 in permanent improvements, which amount was provided for by moneys paid into the treasury by the Savings and Loan Association. Not counting these permanent improvements, the expenditures apparently exceeded the income from investments and contingent fees by \$1,168.79; but, as there is interest due the Treasurer to the amount of \$1,030, there was an actual deficit of \$138.79.

The College received notice of three important gifts during the past year. The first is a bequest by the late Daniel Black, Esq., of Easton, Pa., in the form of a residuary interest in his estate after the death of a nephew and niece, Howard P. Kinzey and Mary B. Kinzey. The second is the magnificent gift of a new Library building, to be called the Watts de Peyster Library, by General J. Watts de Peyster, of Tivoli, N. Y. The third is a bequest by Mr. Peter Kerlin, of St. Thomas, Pa., of a portion of his estate to constitute the Peter Kerlin Library Fund.

Extensive improvements have been made during the past summer in Harbaugh Hall and the Academy building. The management in both institutions has also been changed. The buildings are in better condition, the accommodations are greatly improved, and a larger degree of comfort is therefore assured to the students than ever before. The Academy has passed into new hands; T. G. Helm and E. M. Hartman, both of them graduates of the College, thorough scholars and experienced teachers, having taken charge at the beginning of the present year. There are upwards of forty new students in attendance, and it is confidently believed that the Academy now offers superior advantages, both with respect to physical comforts, thorough instruction, and moral and religious training.

The teaching force of the College remains substantially the same as last year. The only exception is that Prof. C. Nevin Heller has obtained leave of absence for the year to pro-

secute graduate studies in Cornell University, and his place is meanwhile filled by Prof. Ambrose Cort, whose scholarship and success as a teacher are favorably known.

The Financial Secretary of the College, the Rev. A. M. Schmidt, has been prosecuting his work with unwearied industry and zeal. A great deal of preparatory work has been done, and some very good subscriptions have been taken. But, because of the discouraging financial situation, comparatively few pastors have seen their way clear to open their charges for a thorough canvass. Now, however, as the financial outlook is brightening and the industrial condition of the country improving, it is hoped that room will be made during the present year for thorough and effective work in the field.

The great need of the College now is a new Scientific building, with room for Laboratories, Museums, etc. A number of liberal-minded gentlemen have subscribed generously for this special purpose, and the enterprise is most heartily commended to the liberality of the Church and the friends of our institution. The situation is such that strenuous efforts to bring this undertaking to a speedy completion, and to increase the endowment fund, must be continued during the coming year; and in behalf of this work we would earnestly bespeak your sympathy, your prayers, and your earnest co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President*.

LANCASTER, PA., OCT. 2, 1897.

IV.—Report of Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported Saturday morning and Monday afternoon. The report was considered by items, amended, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Institutions of Learning beg leave to report, that the following papers have been referred to us:

- I. Report of the Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.
- II. Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.
- III. Report and Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College.
- IV. A Catalogue of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md.
- V. A Catalogue of Mercersburg College.
- VI. A Report and Catalogue of Allentown College for Women.

From these sources of information we learn:

1st. That the work of St. Paul's Orphan Home has been carried forward without interruption during the year, and has continued to bestow its blessings upon the orphan as an individual, as well as upon the Church at large. From year to year, the work has been increasing on our hands; but the funds to support the work have not increased in a corresponding degree. During the year, the number of pay-children has decreased, while the number of Church orphans has increased. A debt of \$1,000 has been incurred. Some special efforts to augment the income have been made; among which may be mentioned St. Paul's Day, which netted the Home \$435.

2d. Clarion Collegiate Institute has been in operation during the year under the Principalship of Prof. W. L. Smith. Some progress has been made, yet not as much as should have been.

3d. Franklin and Marshall College is manifesting increasing enthusiasm, strength and activity in all departments of its work. The De Peyster Library, together with several other generous though smaller gifts to the College, are sources of great encouragement, calculated to inspire new zeal all along the line. A new Scientific building—a design of which has been submitted—is much needed, and steps are being taken toward the erection of such a building.

4th. The Woman's College at Frederick, Md., is enlarging its influence. Its flourishing condition challenges the attention of the Church.

5th. Mercersburg College is also in a most excellent condition, and, as an Academy, admits of but few superiors among the excellent schools of its class in this country.

6th. The Report and Catalogue of Allentown College for Women shows that institution to be also in a most flourishing condition.

Based upon the foregoing facts, we offer the following recommendations:

(1) In order to have a more general distribution of O. H. envelopes, *Resolved*, That we instruct the Superintendent of the Home to have prepared and sent, a sufficient number of neat and appropriate envelopes, to supply all our charges.

(2) The success of St. Paul's Day last year, encourages us to greater earnestness in this matter and to suggest that the Board of Directors of the Home appoint a committee of five persons, who shall have charge of all arrangements appertaining to the holding of St. Paul's Day during the present Synodical year.

(3) *Resolved*, That we recommend the observance of Children's Day, and that the offerings be given to St. Paul's Orphan Home; and further, that the Classes be instructed to urge upon all the charges to appoint in each congregation, an

earnest, consecrated Christian woman, who shall aid in increasing the offerings to the Home.

(4) *Resolved*, That we continue to show our interest, as heretofore, in the progress of C. C. I.; and as far as possible we increase our efforts to further this work.

(5) It is most gratifying to learn of the increasing prosperity of Franklin and Marshall College; and that its prosperity may further be assured, we recommend that the Financial Agent of the College be encouraged to visit our charges, and aided by us in his efforts to secure funds for the increased endowments of the College.

(6) We rejoice heartily in the prosperous condition of both the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., and the Allentown College for Women; and would recommend a liberal patronage on the part of those who may have daughters to educate.

(7) That we most cheerfully recommend Mercersburg College to the attention of the people of our Synod, as well as to all others, desiring for their sons the advantages of an institution of learning, such as old time-honored Mercersburg now offers.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. BOWLING,

A. R. KREMER,
J. J. WAGONER,

GEORGE RAU,
ROSS SECHLER.

V.—Report of the Committee on Increased Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College.

The Committee on Increased Endowment, reported on Thursday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee beg leave to offer the following:

Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, the Financial Agent of Franklin and Marshall College, has been in communication with the several members of Synod's Committee; he also visited a number of the Classes at their annual sessions this spring, and presented the cause to these bodies. But, because of the financial depression of the country, no general efforts were put forth to secure additions to the endowment funds.

Your committee recommends, first, that the pastors of Synod be requested, through their Classes, to admit the Financial Agent to their pulpits for the purpose of discussing the cause before the people; secondly, that each pastor be requested, in the same way, to preach one sermon during the year, on the importance and needs of our literary institution at Lancaster, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,

D. A. SOUDERS,
A. M. KEIFER,

U. O. H. KERSCHNER,
A. J. HELLER.

VI.—A Communication from the Field Secretary of Franklin and Marshall College on Proposed Scientific Building.

The communication was read on Friday afternoon and referred to a special committee. The following is the communication:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

By reason of the increased number of students attending Franklin and Marshall College, the present facilities for work are altogether inadequate, and perhaps no department calls more loudly for help than the department of the sciences. A scientific building with large recitation rooms, laboratories and work tables, is an imperative necessity. In order that this building may be erected very soon, the three Synods under whose control the College stands, are respectfully overtured to take such action as will secure a science building for the College. The plan proposed is, that a science building be erected in three sections, covering the departments of Chemistry, Physics and Natural Sciences, and that each of the three Synods be requested to provide one section of the building. According to plans deemed adequate to present and future needs, the central section of this building will be three stories with basement, the third story for the museum and the two end sections two stories with basement. The estimated cost of the entire building is \$35,000 to \$40,000, i. e., the central section costing \$15,000 or \$18,000, and the end sections \$10,000 or \$12,000 each. The Pittsburgh Synod is respectfully overtured to provide one section,—say an end section, and the several Classes within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod be requested to provide the necessary funds. Individuals might be induced to subscribe in liberal sums so that the general canvass of the congregations would be left for the Endowment Fund of the College.

SUGGESTED.

Westmoreland Classis	\$4,000
Somerset Classis	3,000
Allegheny Classis	3,000
Clarion Classis	1,000
St. Paul's Classis	1,000
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	\$12,000

Trusting that your reverend body will take some action favorable to the proposed work, and that through the Synodical and Classical committees this work may be speedily accomplished, I am,

Yours in fellowship,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,
Field Secretary Franklin and Marshall College.

VII.—Report of Special Committee on Proposition to Co-operate in the Erection of a Scientific Building.

The special committee on foregoing report, reported on Monday afternoon. The report was considered by items. The items severally and the report as a whole adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your special committee to whom was referred a communication from Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, Field Secretary of Franklin and Marshall College, submitting a plan for the erection of a scientific building, and making a request for the co-operation of this Synod in this work, recommend the following resolutions for your adoption:

1. That Pittsburgh Synod accepts the proposition made to it to erect one section of the proposed building.
2. That this Synod co-operate with the Field Secretary to raise the sum of \$12,000 for the erection of such building.
3. We recommend the following apportionment of the above-named sum in the various Classes:

Westmoreland Classis	\$4,000
Somerset Classis	3,000
Allegheny Classis	3,000
Clarion Classis	1,000
St. Paul's Classis	1,000

Total	\$12,000
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4. That we urge congregations to open their doors to the Field Secretary of F. & M. College for the presentation of this work.
5. That we urge the active co-operation of the Synodical and Classical committees on the endowment of F. & M. College for the speedy completion of this particular work.

A. E. TRUXAL,
J. N. BAUMAN, J. H. TWITMYER.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

I.—Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The Board of Beneficiary Education reported Thursday morning and the report was referred to the Standing Committees on Education and Nominations. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board to whom is committed the work of aiding worthy young men in preparing for the gospel ministry, would report that they have endeavored to charge all the duties requiring their attention. The

persons have received aid during the past year, viz.: A. O. Reiter and J. F. Bair, who having finished the Seminary course, are now in the active ministry; C. H. Faust and W. S. Fisher, now Middlers in the Seminary; W. D. Stoyer, Senior in the Seminary; H. H. Wiant, a Senior in College, and R. B. Hays, a Sophomore. The conduct and diligence of all has been commendable. E. E. Emhoff, who is under our care, supports himself as a Senior in Union Theological Seminary, New York. The Board would respectfully ask Synod to give directions in regard to this case.

At a meeting of the Board Oct 7, 1897, Simon Sipple, a Sophomore at F. & M. College, was received under our care; also W. H. Kerschner, a Freshman in the same institution. In all instances we require the young men to conform to the rules of the Board and the requirements of Synod.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance in the Treasury at last statement.....	\$50.60
Received from Treasurer of Synod.....	926.40
Total	<u>\$977.00</u>
Amount expended	<u>\$964.99</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$12.01

Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher's term as a member of the Board expires at this Synod. To continue the work during the ensuing year, we ask an appropriation of \$1,200.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
President of the Board.

WILKINSBURG, PA., Oct. 7, 1897.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education reported on Monday, the report was considered by items and was amended and adopted, and the sum to be apportioned referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Education would respectfully report that there was placed in our hands the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education, for the year ending October, 1897.

From this report we learn that during the past year there were under the care of this Board eight young men, seven of whom received aid; two of these have finished the prescribed course of study, and have entered upon the active work of the holy ministry.

The report states that one of the beneficiaries is pursuing his studies in the Union Theological Seminary of New York,

but received no aid the past year, but inasmuch as he will complete his Theological course next spring, we recommend that the Board retain his name on the list.

We take pleasure in mentioning the fact that two young men have been recently received and granted aid by the Board.

To enable the Board to carry forward the laudable work entrusted to them, we recommend that their request for the sum of twelve hundred dollars be granted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,
 H. S. GARNER, C. R. FERNER,
 S. B. MASE, JACOB BYERS.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

I.—Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The report of the Publication Board was read on Thursday afternoon and was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, and is as follows:

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

BRETHREN: The period embraced in this report covers the initial year of your Board in its management of the publication interests for your sole account and benefit. Starting without debt and unembarrassed with accumulations of old stock and doubtful assets, it is gratifying to be able to report that the year's business finds the house in this same enviable condition.

As stated in the last report, the Board ceded to the Sunday-school Board the right to publish all literature pertaining to the Sunday-schools, the consideration being an annual royalty of seven hundred and fifty dollars, besides the payment of one-half the salary of the business manager, one-half the rent and other expenses jointly incurred. These amount annually to about two thousand dollars for each party. During the past year another contract was made with the Sunday-school Board, whereby your Board transferred to it the right to publish and sell hymn-books, supplies and literature not included in the first contract, reserving, however, to your Board, the Catechisms. In consideration of this later grant, you are to receive the annual sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for five years. The amount thus accruing annually from both contracts is one thousand dollars for five years and thereafter, continuously, the annual sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars. But as these contracts were not closed until some months after the beginning of our fiscal year, the payments that fell due up to June 30, 1897, amounted to three hundred

and seventy-five dollars, which were promptly paid and are included in the item of cash receipts. It is proposed in the future to have the royalties paid to the treasurer, and by him remitted to the business manager, should the business require them.

The receipts and expenditures as reported by the manager from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.			
From <i>Messenger</i>	\$7,898.68		
" <i>Review</i>	430.52		
" Book Department	7,938.91		
" J. T. Reber, Treasurer.....	4,200.00	\$20,468.11	

EXPENDITURES.			
For <i>Messenger</i> , including salaries	\$8,192.02		
" <i>Review</i> , including salaries	477.33		
" Book Stores (purchases)	7,715.90		
" Rent, salaries and expenses	2,411.50		
" Board meetings	102.75	\$18,899.50	

Cash balance on hand \$1,568.61

The inventory of assets and liabilities as of June 30, 1897, made by the Board from statements furnished by the manager, is as follows:

ASSETS.			
Cash on hand	\$1,568.61		
Mdse. on hand	4,000.90		
Book accounts, Book Department..	1,550.79		
" " <i>Messenger</i>	3,918.75		
" " <i>Review</i>	152.33	\$11,191.38	

LIABILITIES.			
Original purchase money.....	\$2,500 00		
Cash from J. T. Reber, Treasurer....	4,300.00		
Advance subscriptions, <i>Messenger</i>	1,951.60		
Advance subscriptions, <i>Review</i>	181.50		
Bills payable	538.16	\$9,371.26	

Balance, profit and loss..... \$1,820.12

In making this exhibit this Board kept in mind the probable depreciation on the merchandise as well as the possibility of loss on the outstanding book accounts, and made corresponding allowances for these. It also excluded from the assets, the one thousand dollars paid Mrs. Fisher for the almanac and the cost of all fixtures, furniture and plates. It is believed, therefore, that the assets are reported at a minimum cash valuation. In judging the year's results, it would be well to bear in mind that the *Messenger* has been regularly furnished to those subscribers who had paid their subscriptions to the Fisher estate. These amounted during the year to \$3,541.06 for the *Messenger*, and \$102.25 for the *Review*. These and other claims against said estate are still pending in the Or-

phans' Court, of Philadelphia, and it is believed will receive final determination before the end of the year.

Of the two periodicals published by your Board, we may say that the *Review* is at present self-supporting. It does not, however, more than pay its own expenses. There is need of a larger subscription-list in order to allow the editor to make further improvements. It will be seen from this, that the effort to increase the number of subscribers has been partially successful. We feel justified in saying that the *Review* is excellent, and should have a larger circle of readers throughout the Church. As new interest is felt, at present in the series now edited by Prof. William Rupp, D.D., we hope that the Synod will heartily recommend this periodical to our pastors and people, and urge them to subscribe for it.

The *Messenger* has been issued regularly throughout the year. It has not only been up to its usual standard, but has shown general improvements in its several departments. Few changes have been made during the year, inasmuch as it was necessary to conduct the paper as economically as possible, in order to have our balance on the right side of the ledger. Notwithstanding the fact, that during the year there were quite a number of very serious obstacles in our way, still the *Messenger* has more than paid its own expenses.

Whilst we have been anxious to increase the number of subscribers to the *Messenger*, we frankly state that up to the present time, this has not been done. But, on the other hand, report that the subscription-list is shorter than last year. The list, as it came into our hands a year ago, was a padded one. A large number of subscribers paid but \$1.00 a year, and when one rate for all subscribers was fixed, many of these dropped out. Many more had not paid their subscriptions for years. The attorney for the Fisher estate very properly set about making collections. At the end of the first year your Board did the same. Through this process, the list was further pruned. The Board intends to continue this yearly collection, and feels justified in doing so. Our present list, though smaller, is on a cash valuation, worth as much, or even more, to the Church than a year ago.

During the coming year we hope to increase the number of readers of the *Messenger*. To do this, we need the co-operation of the pastors and elders of the Church. We are mindful of the obstacles yet in our way; the plea of hard times, other cheaper publications, the fact that any Church paper is received with indifference by a large number, even of the membership of the Church, and that people must learn to appreciate a Church paper. Their interest increases, with their interest in the Church and the development of their religious life. Bearing this in mind, we again ask the co-operation of the

pastors, not for a season only, but year in and year out. We bespeak the same interest and consideration of our work, as is given to Missions and Education.

The Treasurer, Mr. James T. Reber, reported to the Board, as follows:

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1896.				
Sept. 15.	To balance. Cash on hand.....	\$64.61		
Oct. 1.	To cash received for 6 months interest Deeter Mortgage	25.00		
	To cash received for 6 months interest Fisher Mortgage	21.75		
	To cash received for Lydia Fisher Mtge	725.00		
1897.				
Jan. 12.	To cash received for 6 months interest on two mortgages. (2,000, from C. M. Boush).....	50.00		
	To balance received for Reading Silk Mill Bonds	1,750.00		
Mar 12.	To cash received for interest on Read- ing Silk Mill Bonds	22.50		
Mar 13.	To cash received for interest on Blosser Judgment	12 00		
Apr. 10.	To cash received for 6 months interest Reading Silk Mill Bonds	250.00		
	To cash received for 6 months interest Deeter Mortgage	25.00		
July 26.	To cash received for 6 months interest on two mortgages. (2,000, from C. M. Boush).....	50.00	\$2,995.86	
Sept. 15.	To balance due Treasurer.....		229.14	
			<u>229.14</u>	
				\$3,225.00

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1896.				
Oct. 12.	By cash paid to Rev. C. R. Ferner	\$500.00		
Nov. 2.	" " " "	225.00		
Nov. 9.	" " " "	275.00		
Nov. 14.	" " " "	200.00		
Dec. 1.	" " " "	1,000.00		
1897.				
Apr. 19.	" " A. W. Bomberger (Counsel Fee),	25.00		
June 11.	By cash paid to Rev. C. R. Ferner.....	1,000.00	\$3,225.00	
			<u>1,000.00</u>	

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.

Blosser Judgment	\$200.00	
Isaac L. Deeter, mortgage	1,000.00	
C. M. Boush, Jr., Massillan mortgage	1,000.00	
C. M. Boush, Jr., Youngstown	1,000.00	
Note: St. Thomas church, Reading....	1,000.00	
" C. G. Fisher (allowed).....	800.00	
" " " "	150.00	\$5,150.00
		<u>150.00</u>
Bonus: Due from the Fisher Estate (al- lowed)		900.00
		<u>900.00</u>
		\$6,050.00

This report necessarily deals largely with results. In considering these, it is but just that due credit be accorded those in the employ of the Board, who were suddenly and without previous knowledge of its affairs, called upon to take up the work and prosecute it without interruption in all the issues of the publications, and with as little annoyance to its patrons as the disorganized condition of its affairs would permit.

The Board and its assistants disclaim all responsibility for any errors committed, or the methods pursued in presenting and collecting claims due the Fisher estate by collectors in charge of those accounts; but we submit that every one indebted to that estate should understand after the report of last year, that all accounts due the Fisher estate prior to July 1, 1896, are the sole property of that estate, and that it is their duty to make a prompt settlement to the estate; that this Board has no responsibility whatever, as to them, or the measures used by the estate to enforce collection, and that the patrons of the Board have only to account to it for subscriptions and purchases accruing since July 1, 1896.

When your Board assumed control it extended to the estate the courtesy of the columns of the *Messenger* and the use of its office force in directing attention to the obligations resting upon those indebted to said estate, but it neither assumed the collections nor the responsibility for any communications except those signed by the manager.

The attention of the Synods is called to the expiration in January, 1898, of the following members of this Board: John W. Bickel and James T. Reber, Eastern Synod; and C. M. Boush, Pittsburgh Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication reported on Saturday afternoon. The report was considered by items. The items severally and the report as a whole adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Publication would respectfully present the following report:

The only document placed in the hands of the committee is the annual report of the Reformed Church Publication Board. From this report we learn that, at the close of the first year of its operation, the affairs of the Board are in a sound financial condition.

The excess of assets over liabilities amounts, according to the figures contained in the report, to \$1,820.12. It is

the management of the Board, however, to add that these figures represent the lowest valuation of assets, and that in order to show the entire earnings of the Board during this year it would be necessary to include \$3,600.00 now pending in litigation with the Fisher estate, and also \$1,000.00 paid Mrs. Fisher for the almanac, etc. The publications now issued by the Board are all on a paying basis. The Board reports that during the year it made another contract with the Sunday-school Board transferring to the latter Board the right of selling Sunday-school hymn books, supplies and literature not included in the previous contract.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod is highly gratified at the present financial condition of the Board, and hereby expresses its entire confidence in its management.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod approves of the contract made with the Sunday-school Board for the publication of Sunday-school literature.

3. *Resolved*, That we again commend the publications of the Board, especially the *Messenger* and *Review*, to the patronage of all our pastors and people; and that the Classes be directed to take measures to co-operate with the Board in placing the *Messenger* in every family, and the *Review* in the hands of every pastor.

D. B. LADY,
WM. RUPP, A. BUSHAGER,
P. C. PRUGH, J. S. MILLER.

III.—Publication of Minutes.

The Stated Clerk was, on Monday evening, instructed to publish 2,000 copies of the proceedings of this meeting of Synod and distribute them in the usual manner.

ARTICLE XVIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

All vacancies occurring in the Boards were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, and this committee, on Friday afternoon, reported to Synod a double set of candidates. The report was adopted and the committee was instructed to have sufficient ballots printed for use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

At the time set, the President appointed Revs. S. C. Long, A. S. Glessner and Elder M. Beamer tellers. The election was held and resulted as follows:

Trustee of Synod, Elder J. M. Conroy; *Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.,

A. J. Heller, D.D., C. L. Alspach, R. C. Bowling, S. T. Wagner, J. N. Bauman, T. S. Land, and A. M. Keifer, Elders P. Keil, John E. Kunkel, B. Wolf, Jr., and J. M. Conroy; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. R. F. Gass and H. D. Darbaker; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. R. C. Bowling; *Sunday-school Board*, Hon. C. J. Weller; *Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary*, Elder P. Keil; *Board of Publication*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary*, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D.

THE BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for four years*, Elder John Reimold; *for three years*, Elder W. G. King; *for two years*, Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D.; *for one year*, Elder G. M. Hartzel.

Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

The Board-elect at its organization will designate the terms its members are to serve and report the same to the next meeting of Synod.

Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Revs. R. F. Gass and H. D. Darbaker; *for two years*, Revs. J. F. Wiant and D. H. Leader; *for one year*, Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., and J. F. Snyder.

Board of Beneficiary Education.

For five years, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; *for four years*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *for three years*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; *for two years*, Rev. William Rupp, D.D.; *for one year*, Rev. J. F. Snyder.

Board of Home Missions.

For five years, Rev. R. C. Bowling; *for four years*, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for three years*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *for two years*, Rev. D. A. Souders; *for one year*, Rev. A. M. Keifer.

Sunday School Board.

For five years, Hon. J. C. Weller; *for four years*, Rev. A. M. Keifer; *for three years*, Rev. J. N. Naly; *for two years*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell; *for one year*, Rev. D. N. Harnish.

Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

For nine years, J. T. Hamilton; *for seven years*, B. Wolf, Jr.; *for four years*, *Hon. H. P. Laird.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, October, 1897.

EASTERN SYNOD.—*For five years*: George G. Heilman,

*Died Oct. 15, 1897.

Heilmandale, Pa.; Hon. Jeremiah S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa. *For three years:* J. Y. Dietz, Philadelphia, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa. *For one year:* John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; Martin J. Reigel, Easton, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD.—*For five years:* Israel Loucks, York, Pa.; S. Nevin Hench, York, Pa. *For three years:* George N. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; Edgar Slagel, Hanover, Pa. *For one year:* H. W. Schriver, Union Mills, Md.; Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Md.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.—*For six years:* P. Keil, Pittsburgh, Pa. *For four years:* W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa. *For two years:* C. W. Truxal, Myersdale, Pa.

Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, October, 1897.

EASTERN SYNOD.—*For three years:* Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., Annville, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D., Easton, Pa. *For one year:* Rev. Thomas Porter, D.D., Easton, Pa.; Rev. John P. Stein, Reading, Pa.; Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Allentown, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD.—*For three years:* Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D. *For one year:* Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D., Baltimore, Md.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.—*For four years:* Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D.; Berlin, Pa. *For two years:* Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Greensburg, Pa.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

I.—Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his annual report on Thursday morning. The Treasurer was instructed to append to his report the statement from the Women's Missionary Societies of the Pittsburgh Synod. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for auditing, and is as follows:

To the Rev. Pittsburg Synod:

A. J. HELLER, in account with PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

DR.

To cash on hand and reported to Pittsburgh Synod October 8, 1896, eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents.....	\$867.27
To be disbursed as follows:	
Kaneko Memorial	\$5.00
Rev. A. K. Miller.....	10.00
Sunday School Board.....	22.75

		Foreign Missions	183.87	
		Apportionment Fund	645.65	\$867.27
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1896.				
Nov.	9.	Received of Charles H. Lefevre.....	\$25.00	
1897.				
Feb.	9.	" " " "	25.00	
Apr.	16.	" " " "	15.00	
July	1.	" " " "	50.00	
May	3.	" " D. S. Fouse, D.D., collected in the bounds of Pittsburgh Synod, \$80.00, less \$35.00, to be credited to Clarion Classis on apportionment....	45.20	
Sept.	6.	Received of C. M. Boush, esq., remain- der of money tied up in J. B. Dick & Co.'s bank.....	123.85	\$284.05
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Westmoreland Classis.**ON APPORTIONMENT.**

1896.					
Oct.	12.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treasurer	\$24.15		
Oct.	22.	" " " " " "	239.76		
Dec.	10.	" " " " " "	247.98		
1897.					
Jan.	23.	" " " " " "	375.00		
Mar.	16.	" " " " " "	210.19		
May	14.	" " " " " "	471.29		
June	25.	" " " " " "	200.00		
Aug.	20.	" " " " " "	204.90		
Oct.	1.	" " " " " "	171.73		
Oct.	5.	" " " " " "	100.00	\$2,245.00	
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1896.					
Oct.	22.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treasurer	\$20.29		
1897.					
Jan.	23.	" " " " " "	12.85		
Mar.	16.	" " " " " "	24.45		
May	17.	" " " " " "	288.39		
Aug.	20.	" " " " " "	97.67		
Oct.	1.	" " " " " "	100.00	\$543.65	
Mar.	23.	Received of J. Huber for Rev. H. K. Miller....	10.00		
		Apportionment	\$2,245.00		
		Received on the same.....	2,245.00		
		Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....		\$700.00	
		Paid on the same.....		543.65	
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		Deficit		\$156.35	

Clarion Classis.**ON APPORTIONMENT.**

1896.					
Oct.	9.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treasurer	\$100.00		
1897.					
Jan.	28.	" " " " " "	200.00		
Apr.	24.	" " " " " "	200.00		
May	26.	" " " " " "	400.00		
May	26.	" " " " " "	35.00		
July	17.	" " " " " "	200.00		
Sept.	2.	" " " " " "	200.00		
Sept.	29.	" " " " " "	300.00	\$1,635.00	
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

May 26.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treasurer.....	\$126.42	
	Kaneko Memorial	\$25.00	
	Apportionment	\$1,765.00	
	Paid on the same.....	1,635.00	
	Deficit	\$130.00	
	Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....	\$550.00	
	Paid on the same.....	126.42	
	Deficit	\$423.58	

St. Paul's Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1896.	Oct. 10.	Received of C. M. Boush, Treasurer	\$134.07	
1897.	Jan. 25.	" " " " "	91.11	
	Feb. 5.	" " " " "	50.00	
	May 8.	" " " " "	143.62	
	May 28.	" " " " "	250.00	
	July 13.	" " " " "	88.00	
			144.80	\$901.60

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

June 11.	Received of C. M. Boush, Treasurer	\$131.20	
July 21.	" " " " "	15.40	\$146.60
	Kaneko Memorial	\$12.00	
	Rev H. K. Miller.....	10.00	
	Boys' School	5.00	\$27.00
	Apportionment	\$1,275.00	
	Paid on the same.....	901.60	
	Deficit	\$373.40	
	Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....	\$400.00	
	Paid on the same.....	146.60	
	Deficit	\$253.40	

Somerset Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1896.	Dec. 15.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treasurer	\$250.00	
1897.	Feb. 12.	" " " " "	100.00	
	Apr. 1.	" " " " "	150.00	
	Apr. 20.	" " " " "	250.00	
	May 18.	" " " " "	200.00	
	June 1.	" " " " "	250.00	
	July 19.	" " " " "	150.00	
	Sept. 14.	" " " " "	214.32	
	Sept. 26.	" " " " "	87.00	
		Per receipts.....	88.68	\$1,740.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mar. 17.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treasurer	\$39.67	
May 18.	" " " " "	18.41	
July 19.	" " " " "	13.54	
Sept. 14.	" " " " "	3.34	
	Per receipts.....	35.91	\$110.87

Kaneko Memorial	\$8.31	
Rev. H. K. Miller.....	20.00	
Girls School.....	42.00	
Lady Missionary	5.00	\$75.31
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Apportionment	\$1,740.00	
Paid on the same.....	1,740.00	
Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....		\$550.00
Paid on the same.....		110.87
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Deficit		\$439.13

Allegheny Classis.**ON APPORTIONMENT.**

1896.						
Nov.	10.	Received	of	J. M. Conroy,	Treasurer	\$46.25
1897.						
Jan.	12.	"	"	"	"	15.00
Jan.	28.	"	"	"	"	241.71
Apr.	21.	"	"	"	"	44.63
Apr.	26.	"	"	"	"	6.85
May	11.	"	"	"	"	341.81
May	11.	"	"	"	"	5.73
May	14.	"	"	"	"	183.00
May	17.	"	"	"	"	3.60
Sept.	7.	"	"	"	"	32.00
Sept.	13.	"	"	"	"	5.00
Sept.	14.	"	"	"	"	119.42
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						\$1,045.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1897.						
Jan.	12.	Received	of	J. M. Conroy,	Treasurer	\$12.00
Apr.	21.	"	"	"	"	37.00
May	11.	"	"	"	"	22.75
May	14.	"	"	"	"	28.00
May	15.	"	"	"	"	7.58
Sept.	14.	"	"	"	"	115.00
Oct.	4.	"	"	"	"	20.00
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						\$242.33

Ministerial Relief	\$4.40	
Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	10.00	
Girls' School, Japan.....	50.00	
Sunday School Board.....	17.00	
Orphans' Home	7.00	\$88.40
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Apportionment	\$1,045.00	
Paid on the same.....	1,045.00	
Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....		\$400.00
Paid on the same.....		242.33
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Deficit		\$157.67
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DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.						
Oct.	8.	Paid	Rev. D. A. Souders,	expressage.....	\$.45
Oct.	8.	"	for telegram to Eastern Synod.....			.61
Oct.	12.	"	for ballots			1.50
Oct.	15.	"	Rev. C. M. Hartzell, contingent ex-	penses of meeting.....		10.00
Oct.	17.	Paid	for ledger.....			.40
Oct.	23.	"	Jacob Byers, remainder due on note.			320.57

1897.						
Jan.	8.	"	Reformed Church Publication Board for printing minutes.....	60.00		
Jan.	23.	Paid	Reformed Church Publication Board balance due for printing minutes	60.00		
Feb.	4.	Paid	Rev. J. H. Mickley for distributing printed minutes	39.60		
Feb.	4.	Paid	Rev. J. H. Mickley, salary as stated clerk	75.00		
May	18.	Paid	C. G. Gross, Treasurer, for Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	100.00		
May	20.	Paid	C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., expenses to Lancaster, Pa., Board of Visitors..	9.62		
June	1.	Paid	A. E. Truxal, D.D., expenses to Lancaster, Pa., Board of Visitors....	9.50		
Sept.	29.	Paid	salary of Treasurer.....	50.00		
Oct.	4.	"	for postage and stationery.....	2.50	\$739.75	

Seminary Aid Fund.

Jan.	6.	Paid	Prof. William Rupp, D.D.....	\$50.00		
May	18.	"	" " " " " "	50.00		
July	13.	"	J. B. Roth, Treasurer.....	50.00		
July	20.	"	" " " " " "	50.00	\$200.00	

To Sunday School Board.

1896.						
Oct.	15.	Paid	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer	\$22.75		
1897.						
May	14.	"	" " " " " "	7.00		
June	19.	"	" " " " " "	5.00		
Sept.	14.	"	" " " " " "	5.00	\$39.75	

To Ministerial Relief.

Jan.	6.	Paid	Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer	\$100.00		
May	14.	"	" " " " " "	3.00		
May	18.	"	" " " " " "	26.40	\$129.40	

To Beneficiary Education.

1896.						
Dec.	4.	Paid	C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Treasurer	\$300.00		
1897.						
Mar.	11.	"	" " " " " "	225.00		
Mar.	16.	"	" " " " " "	100.00		
May	4.	"	" " " " " "	301.40	\$926.40	

To Church Extension.

Feb.	1.	Paid	C. M. Boush, Treasurer.....	\$300.00		
May	20.	"	" " " " " "	150.00		
June	2.	"	" " " " " "	180.00		
July	13.	"	" " " " " "	50.00		
July	20.	"	" " " " " "	115.00		
Oct.	4.	"	" " " " " "	205.00		
Oct.	7.		Per receipt.....	5.00	\$1,005.00	

To Home Missions.

1896.						
Oct.	12.	Paid	James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$24.15		
Oct.	21.	"	" " " " " "	584.07		
Jan.	6.	"	" " " " " "	350.00		
Jan.	25.	"	" " " " " "	91.11		

Feb. 1.	"	"	"	"	.....	200.00	
Apr. 5.	"	"	"	"	.....	200.00	
May 3.	"	"	"	"	.....	80.20	
May 11.	"	"	"	"	.....	10.00	
May 12.	"	"	"	"	.....	443.62	
May 18.	"	"	"	"	.....	350.00	
June 2.	"	"	"	"	.....	720.00	
July 13.	"	"	"	"	.....	188.00	
July 20.	"	"	"	"	.....	216.24	
Aug. 21.	"	"	"	"	.....	204.90	
Sept. 29.	"	"	"	"	.....	927.91	
Per receipts.....						128.68	\$4,718.88

To Hungarian Missions.

Feb. 1.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$100.00	
Apr. 5.	" " " "	25.00	
May 18.	" " " "	100.00	
June 2.	" " " "	175.00	
Sept. 29.	" " " "	50.00	
Per receipt.....		\$10.00	\$460.00

To Harbor Mission.

1897.					
Apr.	5.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$25.00		
May	18.	" " " "	65.00	\$90.00	

To Foreign Missions.

1896.						
Oct.	15.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....				\$113.58
1897.						
Jan.	6.	"	"	"	"	20.29
Mar.	24.	"	"	"	"	64.12
May	11.	"	"	"	"	15.00
May	18.	"	"	"	"	379.38
May	26.	"	"	"	"	126.42
June	11.	"	"	"	"	53.00
June	11.	"	"	"	"	78.20
July	20.	"	"	"	"	13.54
July	21.	"	"	"	"	15.40
Aug.	3.	"	"	"	"	97.67
Sept.	15.	"	"	"	"	53.34
					Per receipts.....	108.66
						\$1,138.60

To Support of Rev. H. K. Miller.

1896.							
Oct.	15.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....				10.00	
1897.							
Mar.	24.	"	"	"	"	.....	15.00
May	18.	"	"	"	"	.....	5.00
June	11.	"	"	"	"	.....	10.00
July	20.	"	"	"	"	10.00
							\$50.00

To Support of Rev. S. S. Snyder.

Mar. 5.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$10.00
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To Girls' School.

May 11.	Paid per receipt of Mrs. A. K. Kline..	\$50.00	
May 11.	" " " Miss Baker	10.00	
Sept. 14.	" " " Miss Baker	32.00	\$92.00

May 18.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, for lady missionary.....	5.00
June 11.	" " " " Boys' School	5.00
June 19.	" B. Wolff, Jr., Treasurer for St. Paul's Or- phans' Home	7.00

Kaneko Memorial.

1896.			
Oct. 15.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$30.00	
1897.			
Mar. 24.	" " " "	8.31	
June 11.	" " " "	12.00	\$50.31
Total receipts		\$10,113.50	
Total disbursements		9,667.09	
Cash on hand.....			\$446.41
To be disbursed as follows:			
Apportionment Fund		\$426.41	
Foreign Missions		20.00	
			\$446.41

A statement of moneys contributed to Home and Foreign Missions by the missionary societies of Pittsburgh Synod is, in compliance with Synod's instructions, appended to this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. J. HELLER, Treasurer.

Statement.**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

Westmoreland Classis	\$400.25
Allegheny Classis	137.75
Somerset Classis	89.61
Clarion Classis	104.20
St. Paul's Classis	82.00
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	\$313.81

HOME MISSIONS.

Westmoreland Classis	\$212.50
Allegheny Classis	65.00
Somerset Classis	66.00
Clarion Classis	69.20
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	\$412.70

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Westmoreland Classis	\$48.63
Allegheny Classis	20.00
Somerset Classis	21.37
Clarion Classis	5.00
St. Paul's Classis	5.00
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	\$100.00

Yours respectfully,

SARAH BAYNE, Treasurer.

II.—Report of Ex-Treasurer C. M. Boush, on Moneys Tied Up in the Dick Bank.

Ex-Treasurer C. M. Boush, under item 13, minutes of Synod, reported on Thursday afternoon. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for auditing. The report is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Final report of C. M. Boush, former treasurer.

In accordance with the report received by your

reverend body at session of 1894, balance of funds tied up in the bank of J. R. Dick & Co.,

was then \$986.72

The amount was collected and paid over the different funds it belonged, as follows, viz:

To Jas. T. Reber, Treasurer Board of Home Missions.....	\$784.87
To John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary.....	75.00
To Rev. A. J. Heller, Treasurer Pittsburg Synod, for General Fund of Synod.....	122.35
For Wichita University Endowment Fund	1.50
To Rev. Robt. C. Bowling, traveling expenses.....	3.00
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	\$985.72

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BOUSH.

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee submitted its report Monday afternoon and evening. The report was considered item by item, amended and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Finance offers the following report: The Treasurer's and ex-Treasurer C. M. Boush's reports have been carefully audited. Comparing them with the accompanying vouchers, we find both correct.

We note with pleasure that Westmoreland, Somerset and Allegheny Classes have overpaid their apportionment placed upon them one year ago. Clarion Classis is in arrears \$123.58, and St. Paul's, \$373.40.

The arrearages on Foreign Missions are as follows:

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$156.35
Clarion Classis	423.58
St. Paul's Classis.....	253.40
Somerset Classis	439.13
Allegheny Classis	157.67

The following items have been referred to the committee for apportionment:

Item 1.

Home Missions	\$4,500.00
Beneficiary Education	1,200.00
Church Extension	1,060.00
Harbor Mission	90.00
Hungarian Mission	450.00
Ministerial Relief	400.00
Contingent Fund, Theological Seminary.....	100.00
Contingent Fund, Dr. Rupp.....	100.00
Elocution	75.00
Lectures on Missions Theological Seminary....	40.00
Contingent Expenses	375.00
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	\$8,390.00

Item 2. To meet this, we recommend the following apportionment:

Westmoreland Classis	\$2,300.00
Clarion Classis	1,774.00
Somerset Classis	1,767.00
St. Paul's Classis.....	1,355.00
Allegheny Classis	1,194.00
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	\$8,390.00

Item 3. For Foreign Missions we apportion as follows:

Westmoreland Classis	\$ 710.00
Clarion Classis	555.00
St. Paul's Classis	385.00
Somerset Classis	550.00
Allegheny Classis	400.00
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	\$ 2,600.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SNYDER,
A. M. KEIFER, NOAH ZEIGLER,
J. M. EVANS, G. P. FRY.

IV.—Report of the Special Committee on Transmitting Receipts of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society.

The special committee to whom was referred the question of transmitting receipts, etc., reported on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee to whom was referred the question of harmonizing the finances of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society with the finances of Synod, beg leave to submit the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the giving of receipts to our Treasurer by the Treasurers of Women's Missionary Societies for monies disbursed by them be discontinued, and that the Treasurer of the Synodical Missionary Society be requested to submit to the Treasurer of Synod, ten days before the annual meeting of Synod, a statement of the monies received by her from the several Classes for the various causes supported by the Woman's Society.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to append this statement to his report.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to forward this action to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of Pittsburgh Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
D. N. HARNISH, JOHN E. KUNKLE.

V.—Instructions to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer was ordered, on Monday afternoon, to pay all money for the support of disabled ministers through the Relief Society; and on Monday evening, to pay Rev. C. L. Alspach, *pastor loci*, the sum of \$25, to defray incidental expenses, and Rev. D. H. Leader, chairman of the Standing Committee on Nominations, the sum of \$1.50 for ballots.

ARTICLE XX.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at last meeting and called up by item 1 of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, reported on Thursday and Monday afternoons. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Since the last meeting of Synod two of our number have been called away from our midst and from the scenes of their earthly ministry to enter upon the rest which remaineth unto the people of God.

The first of these to go the way of all the earth was Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, who departed this life the 20th of October, 1896, from his late home, near Braddock, Pa. This father in Israel was born in Friend's Cove, Bedford county, Pa., August 15, 1828, the second child of Elder Philip J. and Christina Shoemaker. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. Solomon K. Dennius, and attended catechetical instruction under Rev. Matthew Irvine, by whom he was confirmed Oct. 5th, 1843. He studied privately during his 16th summer under the tutorship of the late Hon. John Cessua, after which he took a partial course in Marshall College, Mercersburg, Pa. It was not until the spring of 1854 that the way opened for him to take a course in the Theological Seminary, when he moved with his family to Mercersburg, and the supreme purpose of his life began to be carried out. Acting upon the advice of Dr. Schaff, he applied to the Eastern Synod for licensure and obtained his papers at the meeting of that body in Chambersburg, Pa., the fall of 1855. March 1st, 1856, he entered upon his first field of labor, the present Curllsville charge, where he remained 18 years, during which time he was instrumental in the founding of Clarion Collegiate Institute, built two churches and a parsonage, and performed faithfully all the other duties of a pastor.

In January, 1874, he accepted a call to St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa. Failing health compelled him to resign here in a short time, and he moved into the Aaronsburg charge, where he labored successfully until Nov. 1, 1877. Then he accepted the appointment of missionary to Emporia, Kansas, and served

as general missionary throughout the State for two years, and built the church at Emporia. His physical condition again compelled him to give up his important work, and in the hope of regaining his health he began the pastoral work of the West Alexandria charge in Ohio, Jan. 1, 1881. His hopes, however, were not realized. As a last resort, he moved into the Red Bank charge Jan. 1, 1885, trusting that the climate of Clarion county might prove beneficial. Here his labors were suddenly brought to a close in November of that year by a stroke of paralysis which left him almost entirely helpless and a great sufferer all the rest of his days.

Funeral services were conducted in St. Luke's Reformed church, Braddock, Pa., Oct. 23, 1896. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. K. Kline, who was assisted in the services by Revs. D. A. Souders, J. F. Snyder, J. M. Evans and J. J. Wagoner. The last earthly resting-place of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker is Monongahela cemetery, Braddock, Pa.

The other brother called to his heavenly reward within the last year was Rev. Henry Dieckman, pastor at Frostburg, Md. After a serious illness of some six weeks' duration, lasting from the beginning of May until the 17th of June, a complication of diseases of the stomach, which even his strong constitution and the best medical skill could not successfully battle against, he fell gently asleep in Jesus, at the comparatively early age of 40 years and 8 months.

Brother Dieckman was the son of the sainted Rev. J. F. H. Dieckman, and was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. He entered the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, in the year 1884. After completing his studies in that institution, he was licensed and ordained to the Gospel ministry in the year 1886. His first charge was at Titusville, Pa., in connection with the German Classis of Western New York, where he labored with marked zeal and success for seven years and three months. Jan. 1st, 1894, he accepted a call to Frostburg, Md., within the bounds of Somerset Classis. Here he continued his labors of love, faithful to all his duties and responsibilities, instant in season and out of season, preaching both German and English, until the messenger of death came and called him to the Church Triumphant.

Rev. Dieckman was married to Miss Louisa Klipfel, of Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1886. Two children blessed this union. They are left, it is to be hoped, to be the joy and comfort of their mother's life, and to grow up in the fear of God, and walk worthy of their Christian birthright all their days.

Funeral services were conducted in the Frostburg church by Rev. A. Bruchlos in German, and Revs. D. H. Leader and A. S. Glessner in English. All that was mortal of this lamented brother was then taken to Buffalo, N. Y., and sadly

and lovingly laid away in "God's acre" to await the resurrection of the just.

God help us all to be faithful to our trust here, and receive hereafter the crown of everlasting life.

Respectfully submitted,
D. N. HARNISH,
A. M. KEIFER, W. F. BRINKER.

ARTICLE XXI.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I.—Report of Pittsburgh Synod's Sunday School Board.

The Sunday-school Board of Synod reported on Thursday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Sunday-school Board submits the following report of its work for the year ending with this Synod:

During the year two meetings were held by the Board. The old officers were re-elected and the duties entrusted to the Board were performed to the best of its ability. It must be remembered that now the Board of the General Synod reaches down directly to the several Classes and has taken upon itself the work formerly done by this Board. This, no doubt, is right and proper. For this and other reasons, your Board has taken up no new work.

For some years we have advocated the holding of Sunday-school conventions in each of our Classes and the faithful gathering of statistics. We are glad to report that now conventions are held in all the Classes, and that each year the statistics are fuller and of greater value. We desire to recommend in this report that the Classes become more directly interested in these conventions and that they carry out the instructions of Synod by requiring the pastors to present full and complete Sunday-school statistics.

In this report we desire to commend the work of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board and to ask Synod to direct the attention of the Classes to the following recommendations made by that Board:

1. Let every Reformed school be requested to use the Sunday-school lesson helps and Sunday-school papers prepared and published for the Church. Denominational loyalty, the creation and improvement of a Reformed Church literature, and the extension of the Church alike require it.

2. Let our churches and schools be urged to pay special attention to the teaching and training of the little children in the Church school, in connection with the work in the home and catechetical class. And to that end let the best aids and

most approved appliances be used in the Primary Department.

3. Let it be understood that the work of Sunday-school Missions depends for its support upon the offerings of Children's Day. The sanction of the General Synod, the growing needs of our Home Mission work, the economy and usefulness of Sunday-school Missions as a factor in Church extension, are few of the many cogent reasons in favor of larger offerings from every school of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER, *President.*

D. N. HARNISH, *Secretary.*

II.—Report of General Synod's Sunday School Board.

The report of General Synod's Sunday-school Board was read on Friday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is proper to communicate to your reverend body certain facts pertaining to the condition and progress of the general Sunday-school work.

The blessing and favor of the great Head of the Church has manifestly been upon our pastors and churches, and upon the several judications of the Church and the General Board in extending and increasing the usefulness of the Sunday-school.

With grateful recognition of these manifold blessings, we should be constrained to the exercise of greater trust and increased activity. During the year the Sunday-school Statistical form adopted by General Synod and approved by your body, was sent to all our pastors. It was to be expected that complete answers could not be obtained at once. But it is gratifying to report that there are evidences of more accurate figures than we have hitherto been able to gather. Estimating in some cases according to the membership reported last year, we find that the total number of officers and teachers reported, is:

Total number of officers and teachers.....	24,200
Total number of scholars	188,577
Teachers and scholars	212,777

This shows a gain for the year of 3,811 officers and teachers, 14,413 scholars, and a total gain of officers, teachers and scholars of 18,224.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Time and space permit but a brief mention of the work in this department. Scores of schools have been aided by grants of literature, and as usual a grant of Children's Day Services

has been made to all our schools. The Board has sustained schools and missionaries at Easton, Williamsport, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, etc. A new plan of work which has greatly commended itself to our pastors and workers, was the employment of a band of five theological students who labored during the summer months in Eastern Pennsylvania. The meetings and conferences held by them have been fruitful in the organization of Teachers' Meetings, Normal Classes, Home Departments, the increase of members and of benevolence, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTION AND PUBLICATION.

In these departments the Board carries on its business at its Eastern office by a co-operative arrangement with the Reformed Publication Board. This provides for an annual bonus of \$1,000 for the next five years, and thereafter perpetually \$750 per annum. And also the payment of one-half of salaries, room rent, and other expenses, jointly incurred. It is evident that financially this arrangement is advantageous to both Boards. It may be well to state that a careful examination of the receipts of the old Publication Board in 1887, as well as the business done in Sunday-school publications by the late Rev. Chas. Fisher, D.D., shows that the Publication Board is receiving more under the present arrangement than it ever received before from the Sunday-school publications, and more, too, than it would have received if the old arrangement of separate and rival publication houses in the East and West had continued.

The work of the Board in these departments has greatly enlarged. The number of periodicals published is ten, including five lesson helps. Two new publications were added, viz., the Heidelberg Picture Cards, and the Church Festival Helper, both of which have attained a circulation exceeding expectation. There has been a gratifying increase in the circulation of our lesson helps.

The Board for some time contemplated the enlargement of our lesson helps in response to the wishes of the Church and the demands of the market; and at the annual meeting held last April it was decided to make the changes January 1st, 1898. This action necessitated some changes in the editors. Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., who for ten years has done such excellent service as chief lesson editor, retires. Owing to his age and pastoral duties, Dr. Hiester could not add to his editorial labors. Rev. D. W. Ebbert was elected as the representative, originally, of the Western section of the Church, and owing to the desire to have that section of the Church represented in the list of lesson writers, he also retires.

In the interests of economy and efficiency of administration, the editors of *Leaves of Light*, Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D.D., and Mrs. Elizabeth T. Flynn, were given editorial charge of *Sunshine*, in place of Mrs. Margaret H. Fisher.

The Board placed on record in its minutes its appreciation of the faithful and efficient labors of these several editors, and in this public way calls the attention of the Church to the debt of gratitude due to them for the many years of service rendered and to the important part they have played in bringing our Sunday-school literature to its present advanced position. Largely by their good work it is possible for the Church to take this step of further enlargement.

The new lesson editors will be Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D.D., Rev. Edward Herbuck, D.D., Mrs. Catharine McCauley Miller, and Miss Rebecca R. Schively.

Eight pages will be added to the Advanced Scholar's Quarterly. The International Scholar's Quarterly will be changed in form to correspond with the Advanced Scholar's Quarterly, and will be enlarged. The Heidelberg Teacher will be made a monthly, with a reconstruction of, and addition to its departments. All these improvements will be made without adding to the cost of subscription. Improvements in *Leaves of Light and Sunshine* will also be made during the year.

By arrangement with the Reformed Publication Board of the Eastern Synods, the Sunday-school Board is enlarging its business operations so as to be in a position to furnish Sunday-school requisites and to publish needed literature for teacher-training and the several departments of graded Sunday-schools. Hence while the business department has made some money during the year, and aided the missionary department of the Board, it is not in a position to divert its funds, but must use the earnings of the business for the present to increase its capital, enlarge its business, and thus be of greater assistance to the Church.

We, therefore, confidently urge our Reformed people to loyally support the missionary and publication work of the Board, and we trust that your reverend body will reiterate its past actions and recommend to the several Classes for their prayerful consideration, the following:

1. That the pastors and consistories exercise careful oversight over the records of the schools, and so far as possible present complete and accurate statistics to the Classes.
2. That, in view of the urgent calls for Sunday-school literature and Sunday-school missionaries from many sections of the Church, churches and schools be recommended to give all the offerings of Children's Day to Sunday-school Missions.
3. That all Reformed schools be urged to use Reformed Sunday-school literature, to adopt the educational feature of the Board's work for Teacher-training, Home Department, Benevolence, etc., and to purchase their supplies and literature from our own Board and its agencies, instead of outside publishing houses.

4. That the Committee on Sunday-school work in each Classis be directed to encourage and stimulate, through pastors and consistories, the several schools to missionary giving, to the observance of Children's Day, Christmas, etc., and to enlarge their Sunday-school membership as well as increase the efficiency of the school as a Bible-school for the entire membership of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary.*

READING, PA., October 1st, 1897.

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools reported Saturday afternoon and Monday morning. The report was considered by items; the items severally and the report as a whole was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: There were placed in the hands of your committee the report of the General Synod's Sunday School Board and that of the Sunday School Board of the Pittsburgh Synod.

It is gratifying to note that our Sunday School scholars, teachers and officers throughout the whole Church, as reported, number 212,777, a gain, during the year, of over eighteen thousand. It is also gratifying to note that, in our own Synod, the great majority of the schools are using the literature published by the General Synod's Sunday School Board. It is painful, though, to know that in the Pittsburgh Synod the number of teachers, officers and scholars, is less, in proportion to our communicant membership, than in any of the other Synods. This may be because complete statistics have not been gathered.

Your committee therefore recommends:

First. That pastors and consistories exercise careful oversight over the records of the schools, and so far as possible, present complete and accurate statistics to the Classes.

Second. That all Reformed Schools, within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, be urged to use Reformed Sunday School literature, to adopt the educational features of the General Synod's Sunday School Board's work for Teacher-training, Home-department, and Benevolence, and to purchase their supplies from the Board instead of other publishing houses.

Third. That congregations and schools are requested to purchase the Children's Day Services of the General Synod's Sunday School Board and give an offering each year for Sunday School mission work under the care of the Board.

that congregations and Sunday Schools are requested to give the offering on Children's Day to St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

Fourth. That the Committee on Sunday School Work in each Classis be directed to encourage and stimulate, through pastors and consistories of the several schools, missionary giving, the observance of Children's Day and Christmas, and to enlarge their Sunday School membership as well as increase the efficiency of the school as a Bible School for the entire membership of the Church. And to further the carrying out of the above resolutions, that our Synodical Sunday School Board be hereby instructed to put itself in communication with the several Classical Sunday School Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRUGH, M. BEAMER,
D. SNIDER STEPHAN, JOSIAH FILLMAN,

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I.—Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows was read on Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes of Synod, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of the Society of the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of said Society within your bounds, for the year ending September 30th, 1897:

RECEIPTS.

Westmoreland Classis	\$ 65.06
Clarion Classis	65.00
Somerset Classis	24.41
Allegheny Classis	24.40
St. Paul's Classis	13.25
Pittsburg Synod	125.00
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Total	\$317.12
Paid to three annuitants	\$350.00

In view of the above facts, we ask for your continued favor and larger giving to the cause the Society represents. With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am yours fraternally.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers present for publication in the minutes of your reverend

body the following statement of the financial operations for the year closing September 30th, 1897:

RECEIPTS.	
From balance in treasury from last report.....	\$4,384.31
From collections in the churches	1,573.65
From interest on investments	1,372.99
From matured loan	700.00
From royalty on church hymnal	587.75
For Daniel Stein Memorial Home	372.72
From miscellaneous sources	288.00
From Pittsburg Synod Special	125.00
Total	\$9,404.42
EXPENDITURES.	
By amount invested	\$3,100.00
By amount paid to annuitants	2,500.00
By amount to Daniel Stein Memorial Home.....	539.14
By expenses	543.99
By cash in treasury Sept. 30th, 1897.....	2,721.29
Total	\$9,404.42
Invested Fund	\$37,650.00

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Calvin B. Heller, Aaron R. Hottenstine, Jos. H. Hendricks, Daniel U. Wolff, Henry W. Super, D.D., LL.D., Josiah D. Detrich, Henry T. Spangler, D.D., John H. Sechler, D.D., Alfred Houtz, Louis Praikschatz, D.D., Thomas J. Bower, John N. Naly, John F. Mackley, M.D., Milton M. Noacher, Simon U. Waugaman, John O. Lindaman, Wilson F. More, Alexander Bateman, K. Otis Spessard, Frederick W. Bald, Stephen Schweitzer, F. J. E. Muehe, S. Sydney Kohler, Calvin A. Schneider, Uriah Weidner, Chas. H. Coon, L. D. Stambaugh, George H. House, Nathaniel Loose, D.D., Jacob Ihle, Geo. E. Leimbert, Edward J. Fogel, D.D., John Kuelling, D.D., Milton H. Sangree.

Annual Members.—Revs. Rufus W. Miller, David E. Klopp, D.D., Prof. Frank Grether.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Mverstown, Pa.

II.—Memorial from the Ministerial Relief Society.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial from the Ministerial Relief Society, reported Saturday morning. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial from the Ministerial Relief Society, report that the abovementioned Memoir, setting forth the aims, designs and w

ing of the Relief Society, an account of its incorporation and charter, enabling act and by-laws, challenges the careful reading and attention of our ministry and people. The work of the Society commends itself anew to the favorable commendation of Synod. We therefore recommend that the Classes direct that the congregations under their care take up collections annually for the support of the work of the Society for the Relief of Ministers of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,
GEO. E. LIMBERT, C. M. BOUSH.

**III.—Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of
Wichita University.**

The President of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University reported Friday morning, under item 14 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: In response to your favorable action taken a year ago, with reference to permitting the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, in so far as your Synod was interested, to pay to the guarantors, B. Bausman, *et al.*, the remaining Endowment Funds in hands of said institution, would respectfully report:

1st. That both the Eastern and Potomac Synods took favorable action, as did your Synod, looking forward to canceling the debt resting upon said institution.

2d. That the Board of Wichita University paid in full, with interest, the balance due its former Professors, and also paid the other debts of the institution.

3d. That the Board of Trustees, at a meeting held last May, authorized and directed its President to assign all its remaining assets of loans, its claims against Receiver of State National Bank, as also to transfer by deed the properties held by said institution, which were a part of the Endowment Fund, to the Reading Trust Company (the present holder of said mortgage), as requested by said guarantors through George F. Baer, Esq.

4th. That the President of said Board made the transfers as directed, as soon as the proper papers could be prepared and executed, and placed all of them into the hands of George F. Baer, Esq., who gave a receipt for same in behalf of himself and the other guarantors, and in the same paper guaranteeing to transfer to the Synod of the Interior, the bond and mortgage of ten thousand dollars, as soon as said guarantors could hold a

meeting, and complete the transfer with the Reading Trust Company. This will no doubt be completed very shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, *President*.

IV.—Resolution of Thanks to Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D., Pittsburgh Synodical Editor of the Messenger.

The following resolution was offered on Monday afternoon and adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, Through the new arrangements necessitated in the affairs of our publication interests at Philadelphia, Pa., through the death of the late lessee, the Synodical editors of the *Messenger* were discontinued.

AND WHEREAS, Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D., for quite a number of years satisfactorily and efficiently filled the position of Synodical editor for this Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, do hereby express our appreciation of the services rendered to the Synod and to the Church by Dr. Lady through his many and various contributions to the editorial columns of the *Messenger*, and place on record a vote of thanks to him for the same.

V.—Report of the Special Committee to Look After the Interests and Comforts of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to look after the interest and comforts of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, reported on Friday morning under item 18 of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

Your committee appointed to attend to the interests and comforts of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, would respectfully report that we attended to the duty assigned us to the best of our ability. One month after the meeting of Synod at Latrobe a year ago, viz: the 20th of October, 1896, Brother Shoemaker departed this life. Oppressed and worn down by long, weary years of suffering and affliction, he longed to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

That Gospel, which he had so long and faithfully preached to others, was his only rod and staff, as in the providence of God he was called to pass through the fiery furnace of trial.

Your committee, together with Revs. J. J. Waggoner, of Turtle Creek, and D. A. Souders, of Irwin, attended the funeral of the departed brother. His earthly remains are interred in the North Braddock Cemetery, a few miles from this place, where Synod is now in annual sessions, awaiting a blissful resurrection.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SNYDER,

A. K. KLINE, J. M. EVANS.

VI.—A Communication Calling the Attention of Synod to the Affliction of Rev. J. F. Wiant.

The communication was presented Friday morning and was read and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., R. E. Crum, and Elder W. E. King. The communication is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The undersigned, ministers and elders of St. Paul's Classis, and conversant with the facts herein stated, desire to inform you that the Rev. Jacob F. Wiant, an honored member of this body, who has preached the Gospel for 28 years, mainly within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, is now, at the age of almost three-score years, incapacitated for the duties of the calling to which he had devoted his life, by reason of severe bodily and mental disorder. By the advice of his physician, who is also an elder in his church, he has resigned his pastoral charge; and, as he was wholly dependent for the means of subsistence upon what his people gave him for his services, he is now without temporal support. It would be well, in the opinion of the undersigned, if the Synod would consider whether some suitable provision might not be made for his maintenance out of the common treasury for at least a year, or until it can be seen whether he will likely be restored to health.

D. B. LADY, W. H. BEIL,
A. M. KEIFER, S. H. DIEFENDERFER.
GREENVILLE, PA., Oct. 6th, 1897.

VII.—Report of the Special Committee Regarding the Affliction of Rev. J. F. Wiant.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication regarding the affliction of Rev. J. F. Wiant, reported Friday afternoon. The sum recommended in the report was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

The committee to which was referred the paper upon the case of Rev. J. F. Wiant, beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, 1. The Synod has heard with deep sorrow of the sad condition of the afflicted brother.

Resolved, 2. We extend to our brother our heartfelt sympathy and pray that He "who healeth all our diseases," may heal him speedily and give him many more years of active service in his chosen calling.

Resolved, 3. We set apart for the use of Brother Wiant, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), to be used in the sup-

port of himself and family during the ensuing year; which sum shall be paid him by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,
W. G. KING.

VIII.—Synod Extends Sympathy to Father John McConnell.

The following resolution was adopted by Synod Saturday morning. The resolution was considered by items. The items severally adopted, and the sum recommended was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

In view of the fact that one of our aged pastors, the Rev. John McConnell, is unable to attend the sessions of this Synod; and in view of the fact that his distressing malady renders him an object of universal sympathy; and in view of the fact that the \$125 voted by this Synod, together with what he receives as pension from our Government, is not sufficient to support him and his aged wife, considering the tremendous expense he is at for operations and treatment; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That this Synod excuse him from such sessions of this Synod as he may be unable to attend.

2d. That we extend our sympathies to Brother McConnell.

3d. That we increase the help given to Brother McConnell, by making it \$200 instead of \$125 per year.

IX.—The Attention of Synod Called to the Serious Illness of Rev. Emil Muehe.

The attention of Synod was called to the fact that Rev. Emil Muehe was at a sanatorium at Denver, Col., slowly succumbing to that dread disease, consumption, and that his wife and children were desirous to go to the husband and father. The Synod expressed its sympathy with the brother. And a committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Prugh, D.D., and S. B. Mase, was appointed to canvass the Synod for an offering for the wife.

The Special Committee mentioned above, reported on Monday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Special Committee appointed to show in a special way, the sympathy of Synod, for the wife of Rev. Emil Muehe, about to start for Denver, where her afflicted husband now awaits her, would respectfully report that a purse of sixty-three dollars was raised and forwarded to the lady.

J. H. PRUGH,
S. B. MASE.

X.—A Memorial from the W. C. T. U.

The Special Committee to whom was referred a memorial from the W. C. T. U., reported on Friday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred a memorial from the W. C. T. U. of Pittsburgh, relating to the appointment of the fourth Sunday of November as Temperance Sunday, would respectfully report the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod heartily sympathizes with the W. C. T. U. in respect of the object contemplated.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Sunday School Lessons contain special Temperance Lessons, making the Sundays for which they are set in a certain sense Temperance Sundays, this Synod does not deem it expedient to appoint another day, but cordially commends the cause of Temperance to her pastors and people.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RUPP,

H. S. GARNER, HENRY BIEHL.

XI.—Report of Committee to Secure Subscribers for the Review.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to secure subscribers for the *Reformed Quarterly Review*, reported Thursday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Special Committee appointed to secure subscribers for the *Reformed Quarterly Review* among the members of the Synod, would report that we obtained *five* cash subscriptions, and quite a number of promises from members that they would subscribe.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. HASSLER,

H. W. BRIGHT.

XII.—Annual Sermon on Orphan Homes.

The following resolution was offered in behalf of Elder Beamer, Saturday afternoon, and adopted:

Resolved, That Synod hereby instructs the pastors through the Classes to preach an annual sermon on the privilege and duty of caring for and training the orphans—especially those in St. Paul's Orphan Home.

XIII.—Report from the Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home on the Presentation of the Claims of the Home in the Church Papers.

The Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home reported Thursday afternoon, and the report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

The Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home would report: That he sent communications in the interests of the Home, to the Church papers as frequently as in his judgment the wants of the Home demanded and the people would read with profit.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Superintendent.*

XIV.—Resignation of Elder W. F. Brinker.

Elder W. F. Brinker, member-elect of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, resigned on Saturday afternoon. The resignation was accepted, and Elder P. Keil was elected to fill the vacancy.

XV.—National Reform Association.

Rev. H. H. George on Saturday afternoon addressed the Synod and requested it to send delegates to the National Convention. The request was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Drs. J. H. Prugh, A. R. Kremer, A. E. Truxal, and Elders W. F. Brinker and G. P. Frey.

The Special Committee on the foregoing request, reported on Monday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Special Committee appointed to consider the request of Rev. Dr. George, Field Secretary of the National Reform Association, that Synod elect a delegation to the Convention to be held December 7th, 8th and 9th, in Philadelphia, in the interest of National Reform, would respectfully report that we recommend that a delegation, consisting of the President of Synod, Rev. T. S. Land; the two Secretaries, Revs. J. H. Mickley, E. S. Hassler; and Revs. C. L. Alspach and C. R. Ferner, be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRUGH,

A. R. KREMER, W. F. BRINKER,

A. E. TRUXAL, G. P. FREY.

XVI.—Report of the Special Committee on Leave of Absence.

The President, Friday morning, appointed Revs. Chas. E. Wagner, A. S. Glessner, and Elder M. Mauthe a Committee on Leave of Absence. This committee reported on Monday evening. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully reports that the following members were excused at the times herein stated:

Saturday Morning—Revs. I. N. Burger, F. Wetzel, and Elders C. M. Boush and J. Beamer.

Saturday Afternoon—Elders Henry M. Reichard, Henry Biehl, J. G. Rau, and R. S. Banks.

Monday Morning—Revs. C. A. Hauser and J. F. Bair, and Elders C. F. Swope, Hon. J. C. Weller, Hon. C. J. Otto, J. S. Miller, E. K. Suder, and C. Poschman

Monday Afternoon—Revs. H. King, C. Gumbert, A. M. Schaffner, L. P. Gowrig, D. B. Lady, D.D., F. C. Althouse, F. M. Line, and Elders J. M. Conroy, W. J. Glessner, J. Raumbaugh, S. B. Mosier, S. H. Dieffenderfer, R. Sechler, Dr. J. H. Twitmeyer, G. P. Frey, P. Daubenspeck, L. D. Eberhart, J. E. Kunkle, W. G. King, J. C. Barnhart, John Sell, W. R. Saul, G. W. Rubright, J. Byers.

Monday Evening—Revs. H. D. Darbaker, D. S. Stephan, S. B. Mase, C. M. Hartzel, and Elder Beamer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. WAGNER.

A. S. GLESSNER, M. MAUTHE.

XVII.—Additional Excuses.

Revs. Jos. H. Apple, D.D., J. F. Wiant and William Houpt were excused from attendance upon the sessions of Synod.

On Friday morning, Rev. D. G. Klein was excused for the remainder of the sessions of Synod.

XVIII.—Instructions to the Corresponding Secretary.

On Thursday afternoon Synod instructed the Corresponding Secretary to extend sympathy to Rev. Emil Muehe; and on Saturday afternoon to forward its action regarding a special Temperance Day to Anna R. Mahood, of the W. C. T. U.

XIX.—Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The order of the day, Saturday morning was the selection of time and place of next meeting.

It was resolved to meet in *General Convention*, the first Wednesday in October (5th), 1898, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

An invitation was extended by St. Peter's Reformed Church, St. Petersburg, Pa., when it was *Resolved*, That Synod accept the invitation from St. Peter's Reformed Church, St. Petersburg, Pa., and that when we adjourn, finally, it be to meet in said church.

XX.—Report of the Reporters.

Revs. W. H. Tussing, E. S. Hassler and J. F. Bair were on Thursday appointed to report the proceedings of Synod. They reported on Monday evening. The report was adopted, and

the thanks of Synod were extended to both the committee and the various papers for publishing the accounts of the proceedings of Synod. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Press Committee would report that the proceedings of this meeting of Synod were furnished the Westmoreland county dailies, and the *Reformed Church Messenger*, and the committee assisted the reporters of the Pittsburg dailies.

Very respectfully,

W. H. TUSSING,
E. S. HASSLER, J. F. BAIR.

XXI.—Persons Invited to Address the Synod.

Thursday Afternoon: Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., The Deficit in the Home Mission Board. *Friday Morning:* Rev. R. W. Miller, The S. S. Work; and Rev. J. W. Love, D.D., Our Mission in Kansas City. *Friday Afternoon:* Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., Franklin and Marshall College; Prof. J. H. Apple, The Woman's College, Frederick, Md.; and Rev. J. H. Vibbert, Temperance. *Saturday Morning:* Rev. S. S. Miller, The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. *Saturday Afternoon:* Rev. H. H. George, D.D., The National Reform Association.

XXII.—Address of Welcome.

The *Pastor loci*, on Thursday evening extended a hearty welcome to the Synod, in behalf of the members of Trinity Church.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The roll was called and a quorum found present, at the opening of every session. The minutes were read, corrected and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of Synod.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The following resolutions were adopted at Monday evening's session:

WHEREAS, This Synod has enjoyed the very generous hospitality of Rev. C. L. Alsbach and the members of Trinity Reformed church, Wilkinsburg, and,

WHEREAS, The ladies of the congregation have given the very best entertainment in the dining room of the church, thus saving us long walks to the several homes in which we have been lodged,

Resolved, That we hereby return our most hearty thanks

to all who have thus contributed to our comfort during this session of Synod.

Resolved, That we thank the congregation for the use of their beautiful and commodious church in which our meetings have been held.

Resolved, That the pastor be instructed to read the above resolution from his pulpit.

Resolved further, That we hereby extend the thanks of Synod to the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Allegheny Valley, and the Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie railroads for the courtesy shown the members of Synod in the way of special rates.

Resolved, That we recognize the courteous and efficient manner in which the President of this body has presided over our deliberations.

At final roll call at the close of the sessions, the following were absent and unexcused: Revs. C. R. Ferner, J. G. Walter, Elders Barnett Keener, Josiah Fillman, J. S. Kuntz, A. B. Gowey, and Jas. Smith.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned finally at 9:20 o'clock P. M., October 11th, 1897, to meet in *General Convention* in St. Peter's Reformed church, St. Petersburg, Pa., on the first Wednesday in October (the 5th day) A. D. 1898, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

The Synod closed with singing the Gloria in Excelsis, repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Long Metre Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

THOS. S. LAND, *President*.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy of the original minutes.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS, for the year ending May 19, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.			Additional.			Contributions.		P. O. ADDRESS.										
		No. Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Reprobation.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.		Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Studies for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers taken.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.
J. F. Snyder.....	Emanuel	1	236	270	200	19	14	4	9	4	4	4	4	1	\$ 335	\$ 1551	15	72	1	26	250	Manor Dale, Pa.
C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.	1st Greensburg.	1	539	540	410	35	29	18	12	13	13	13	1	1	910	3300	25	200	1	40	360	Greensburg, Pa.
C. M. Hartzell.....	Latrobe.....	2	310	297	165	20	15	17	15	8	4	2	2	2	410	1819	20	50	2	46	281	Latrobe, Pa.
J. N. Bauman.....	Grace	1	273	226	176	26	16	27	6	1	2	2	2	2	264	1350	13	25	1	18	177	Jennett, Pa.
J. Harvey Mickle.....	St. John's.....	1	134	161	145	27	6	10	16	15	8	3	3	3	170	1127	15	123	1	13	163	Jonestown, Pa.
D. A. Souder.....	Irwin.....	2	333	314	290	22	26	2	12	2	1	1	1	1	250	1051	25	76	2	25	272	Irwin, Pa.
C. W. Sumney.....	Pine Run	3	306	349	207	17	2	13	6	19	2	2	2	2	344	960	18	120	3	43	295	North Washington, Pa.
John M. Evans.....	Denmark Manor.....	2	277	239	150	12	5	12	12	8	8	2	2	2	302	2191	12	63	2	25	190	Harrison City, Pa.
Edwin D. Metzger.....	Scottsdale.....	3	180	151	70	12	4	8	2	0	2	1	1	1	218	783	12	50	1	14	80	Scottsdale, Pa.
D. Snider Stephen.....	Youngstown	3	197	164	125	7	1	8	8	4	1	1	1	1	107	478	10	12	3	30	115	Latrobe, Pa.
Thomas S. Land.....	Brush Creek.....	2	263	228	105	13	14	6	2	6	4	2	2	2	339	1864	20	100	1	24	217	Manor Station, Pa.
A. B. Mass	2d Greensburg	1	274	259	100	9	2	15	4	4	1	1	1	1	342	3443	12	100	1	13	125	Greensburg, Pa.
W. H. Tusing.....	Mt Pleasant	2	212	181	156	16	3	6	10	2	4	4	4	4	308	1257	20	100	2	29	304	Mount Pleasant, Pa.
D. J. Wolf	Ruffsdale.....	3	243	215	32	18	8	19	4	3	5	2	2	2	133	630	13	51	2	26	239	Ruffsdale, Pa.
Chas. E. Wagner.....	Salem	2	227	201	123	10	15	4	4	7	3	1	1	1	126	940	25	21	2	27	185	Delmont, Pa.
H. B. Garner	Pleasant Unity—Harrold.....	3	249	190	155	15	2	3	7	4	3	2	2	2	146	1011	12	2	2	25	175	Pleasant Unity, Pa.
Chas. R. Farnier	Bus. Mgr. Pub. Board.....																					Harrison City, Pa.
Isaiah N. Burger.....	Without charge.....																					1025 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
John McConnell	"																					Salina, Pa.
Lucian Cort.....	"																					Scottsdale, Pa.
Takeo Noya (Lic.).....	"																					New York City, N. Y.
John Love Barnhart (Lic.).....	"																					Greensburg, Pa.
John F. Bair (Lic.).....	"																					Greensburg, Pa.
Ministers, 20; Licentiates, 1.	Charges, 18.	51	475	3885	2548	231	196	112	136	20	10	20	5	5	\$ 494	\$ 2555	272	1102	29	440	3368	

*Dismissed since annual meeting to East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

†Dismissed since annual meeting to Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

CLARION CLASSIS. for the year ending May 12, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	Members.		Additions.			Losses.			Contributions.		Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers taken	Sunday Schools. Officers and Teachers.	P. O. ADDRESS.						
		No. Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	(Un)confirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprobation	Dismissed.	Excommunicated					Deaths— Names	Deaths— Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Studies for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
R C Bowling.	Kittanning	1	275	224	170	21	8	11	7	3	8	8	8	1	\$ 544	\$ 1250	30	25	1	19	102 Kittanning, Pa
S T Wagner.	Beaver	2	434	253	280	12	13	13	2	4	2	2	2	1	452	504	175	2	24	24	176 Monroe, Pa.
R E Crum.	DuBois	2	302	153	253	14	19	19	4	1	19	1	2	1	177	1105	175	4	53	352 DuBoise, Pa.	
R R F. Gass.	Red Bank	4	248	336	165	8	1	8	2	1	31	7	1	1	281	1130	23	3	26	170 Hawthorne, Pa.	
C Gumbert.	South Bend	2	144	122	60	7	5	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	52	570	30	2	19	105 Girty, Pa.	
L W Showers	Pium Creek	4	347	336	273	31	4	13	8	2	4	4	2	1	205	742	33	3	17	130 Elderton, Pa.	
D W Kerr	St John s	3	217	174	183	15	3	8	6	4	4	4	3	1	319	670	29	6	59	373 Worthville, Pa	
J N Nally	Apollo	1	153	112	112	15	3	17	2	8	12	3	3	1	30	1047	96	1	15	110 Apollo, Pa.	
J D Hunsicker	Curloville	4	354	287	208	32	3	30	1	4	6	3	1	1	311	861	24	3	47	235 Curloville, Pa.	
H D Darbaker	Emlenton	2	273	186	90	5	1	8	2	2	8	3	1	1	343	2018	12	90	2	24	152 Emlenton, Pa.
I. O H Kerschner	St Petersburg	1	357	318	197	19	12	43	24	4	18	9	8	1	500	1434	139	1	25	207 St Petersburg, Pa.	
J P Bachman	Paradise	2	328	248	200	11			2	2	18	3	1	1	76	775	13	2	28	184 Troutville, Pa.	
Vacant	Punxsutawney	1	64	40																	Venus, Pa.
W. C. Houpt	Without charge																				
Ministers, 13.	Charges, 13.	30	3568	2819	2221	171	29	168	92	28	107	43	23	3	\$ 2973	\$ 12316	111	70	25	11	1206

I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the report of Committee on State of the Church and Statistical Table of Clarion Classis, May 12, 1897.
R. H. CRUM, Stated Clerk.

ST. PAUL CLASSIS, for the year ending May 27, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.		Members.		Additions.		Losses.		Contributions.		Minutes of Synod Wards.	Church papers taken.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	P. O. ADDRESS.
		Communicants.	Commenced.	Uncommenced.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Repose.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Transfer of Name.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficial Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
John D. Thomas.....	Without charge.....	1	411	366	166	3	7	14	6				75	1	23	30	Blattington, Pa.
A. Marlon Kiefer.....	Greenville.....																Greenville, Pa.
Joseph H. Apple, D.D.....	Without charge.....																Bagertown, Pa.
Frederick Emmer.....	".....																Crestline, Ohio.
Geo. E. Lambert.....	Grove City.....	3	160	145	50	7	11	7	6				81	3	18	91	Grove City, Pa.
Francis M. Line.....	Bagertown.....	3	334	302	99	7	11	4	3				85	3	21	155	Bagertown, Pa.
David B. Lady, D.D.....	Shenango.....	4	625	570	257	14	23	11	8				80				Greenville, Pa.
Louis P. Goerrig.....	St. Paul.....	1	167	128	149	16	12	2	7				1	1	5	114	Sharon, Pa.
Alfred M. Schaffner.....	Meadville.....	3	273	230	184	16	12	12	7				84	2	24	192	Meadville, Pa.
Harvey I. Crow.....	New Hamburg.....	1	180	159	73	10	2	5	1				28	1	17	135	New Hamburg, Pa.
John C. Horning.....	S. S. Missionary.....																Cleveland, Ohio.
Jacob F. Wiant.....	Sharpsville.....	2	190	181	51	9	7	7	6				80	2	24	137	Sharpsville, Pa.
Daniel E. Master.....	Zion.....	4	379	335	172	8	27	6	1				20	1	12	71	Cochranston, Pa.
Ministers, 13.....	Charges, 9.....	21	2739	2416	1229	96	111	63	37				53	6	175	1457	

GEO. B. LAMBERT, Stated Clerk, Grove City, Pa.

SOMERSHET CLASSIS, for the year ending May 19, 1897.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.				Losses.				Contributions.				P. O. ADDRESS.									
		No. Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reproof.	Discontinued.	Excommunicated.	Deaths— Names.	Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Steads for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers taken.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	
Benjamin Knepper.....	Retired	4	340	298	94	55	2	12	2	2	2	5	5	4	\$ 430 00	\$ 280 00	24	17	4	25	237	Wellersburg, Pa.	
Hiram Kling.....	Somerset	1	254	231	192	7	2	10	2	5	5	5	5	4	306 00	240 00	7	87	1	19	150	Berlin, Pa.	
Abner R. Kremer, D.D.....	Berlin.....	1	254	231	192	7	2	10	2	5	5	5	5	4	306 00	240 00	7	87	1	19	150	Lancaster, Pa.	
William Rupp, D.D.....	Prof in Theol. Sem.....	1	254	231	192	7	2	10	2	5	5	5	5	4	306 00	240 00	7	87	1	19	150	Bouquet, Pa.	
Addison C. Snyder.....	Without charge.....	1	254	231	192	7	2	10	2	5	5	5	5	4	306 00	240 00	7	87	1	19	150	Wellersburg, Pa.	
Samuel C. Long.....	Beam.....	4	132	125	111	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	159 94	204 80	18	72	2	30	163	Jennertown, Pa.	
Albert S. Glessner.....	Cumberland	3	171	90	140	11	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	1	134 62	803 50	18	16	2	20	114	Cumberland, Pa.	
Edgar S. Hauser.....	Wilhelm.....	2	274	231	191	8	8	10	4	10	1	1	1	1	336 00	719 00	13	12	1	14	152	Kem, Pa.	
Daniel H. Leader.....	Paradise	2	340	282	183	12	9	9	2	2	2	2	2	2	372 00	1927 00	16	15	2	24	207	Elk Lick, Pa.	
Franklin Wetzel.....	Stoyestown.....	4	238	203	173	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	333 15	985 61	24	67	2	23	125	Stoyestown, Pa.	
Henry Dieckmann.....	Frostburg.....	1	301	207	184	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	288 00	1160 00	7	7	1	25	208	Frostburg, Md.	
Albert E. Truxal, D.D.....	Meyersdale	1	417	344	301	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	847 95	1600 00	35	71	1	25	268	Meyersdale, Pa.	
Eugene P. Skyles.....	Zion	4	303	304	310	10	6	25	3	3	3	3	3	2	278 00	886 00	21	28	4	51	233	Berlin, Pa.	
John T. Ballet.....	New Centreville.....	2	194	132	112	3	1	3	6	4	1	1	1	1	174 61	889 62	13	28	2	23	155	Rockwood, Pa.	
Vacant	Wills Creek	4	303	253	240	5	1	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	75 00	620 00	24	6	4	51	375	Glencoe, Pa.	
Vacant.....	Wellersburg.....	4	104	58	39	17	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	35 00	140 00	20	1	1	4	22	Wellersburg, Pa.	
Committee of Supply.....	Garrett.....	1	30	27	23	7	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	5 03	78 40	5	1	1	1	1	Garrett, Pa.	
Ministers, 14.	Charges, 11.	25	2559	2324	2106	193	19	1104	69	66	65	65	65	23	1	\$ 2750 26	\$ 1510 23	246	37	8	263	2423	

*Died June 17, 1897.

Since annual meeting, Lic. U. C. Gutelius has been received from Gettysburg, ordained to the Holy Ministry, and installed pastor of the Cumberland Mission. His address is, Cumberland, Md.

A new charge has been formed, called the Hyndman charge, of which Rev. A. B. Glessner has been installed pastor. His address is Hyndman, Pa. Lic. C. A. Hauser has been received from the German Maryland Classis, ordained to the Holy Ministry, and installed pastor of the Frostburg charge. His address is, Frostburg, Md.

Lic. J. P. Bair has been received from the Westmoreland Classis, ordained to the Holy Ministry, and installed pastor of the Wills Creek charge. His address is, Glencoe, Pa.

EDGAR S. HAUSER, Stated Clerk, Kelm, Somerset Co., Pa.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS, for the year ending May, 1897.

MINISTERS. OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.			Losses.		Contributions		Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church papers tak'n	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	P. O. ADDRESS.				
	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths—Names.							Deaths—Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Brides for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.
John H. Prugh, D.D.	343	517	177	11	4	13	24	7	23	4	7	1	15710 00	4386 00	15	75	1	14	118 208 Colliart Sq., P'gh, Pa.
L. N. Harnish.	372	348	343	29	8	21	19	21	6	2	2	1	1341 00	1800 00	25	100	2	39	373 Butler, Pa.
D. G. Klein.	176	173	113	7	1	6	6		17	1	2	0	132 00	430 00	10	50	1	15	Adams, Pa.
A. K. Kline.	80	79	69	6	4	9	9		5	1			111 00	997 00	18		1	15	125 316 Camp Av., Braddock, Pa.
J. J. Waggoner.	128	103	80	6	3	7	11	4	1				107 00	3000 00	12		1	18	Turtle Creek, Pa.
Frank Frenesi.	340	309	84	36	12				10	3	11		36 00	808 00		3			Bates St., P'gh, Pa.
A. J. Heller, D.D.	235	192	92	8	1	5	5		10	2	2	1	366 00	536 00		76	1	21	121 Harmony, Pa.
A. J. Heller, D.D., Sup.	125	112	100	12	5	3	3		3	1	3		52 00	540 00		23	1	12	88 Harmony, Pa.
C. L. Alsop.	244	221	83	10	3	13	49	6	3	1			159 00	7268 00	10	76	1	20	178 Sta. D. P'gh, Pa.
J. G. Walter.	103	85	63	2		5	5	3	3				17 88	2573 00	12	40	1	11	84 5708 Rural Av., P'gh, Pa.
C. F. Althouse	253	251	115	15	14	9	7		11	2			229 00	986 00	26	36	2	37	165 Baldwin, Pa.
H. W. Bright.	68	61	35	6	3	8	21	3	1	1			36 00	1659 00	5	28	1	31	95 New Kensington, Pa.
J. A. Leusinger	108	87	72	7		4	20		3		1		15 00	673 00	15	3	2	20	76 Butler, Pa.
A. H. Smith.	98	60	75	5	1			4	8	1	2		64 00	673 00		1	1	14	122 McKeesport, Pa.
Charles Knepper																			Carnegie, Pa.
P. C. Prugh, D.D.																			Butler, Pa.
E. H. Otting																			Warren, Ohio.
M. F. Frank.																			Tiffin, Ohio.
John Kovacs.																			Yorkton, Asso., Canada.
Emil Muehe.																			Denver, Col.
A. M. Schmidt																			Lancaster, Pa.
Ministers, 20	17	2550	2276	1406	154	112	169	80	90	25	20	3	6025 00	36107 00	147	613	16	228	1644

*Received and enrolled June 16, 1897.

†Received from North Carolina Classis and accepted call from McKeesport

D. N. HARNISH, Stated Clerk, Butler, Pa.

SUMMARY OF PITTSBURG SYNOD FOR 1897.

Synods	Classes	Ministers	Congregations		Members		Communicants		Baptisms		Additions		Deaths		Officers and Teachers		Sunday-school Scholars		Students for Ministry		Contributions		Minutes of Synod	Church Papers
			Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants	Members	Communicants		
Westmoreland Classis	1	20	81	4475	2865	3348	281	158	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
Clarion Classis	1	13	30	3585	2449	2221	171	29	188	92	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
St. Paul's Classis	1	13	21	2739	2418	1829	96	11	118	68	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
Somerset Classis	1	16	38	2,69	2824	2106	188	18	110	68	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56
Allegheny Classis	1	20	17	2690	2370	1408	154	21	113	169	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
Synod of Pittsburgh (Total)	5	82	137	7658	14244	9417	507	117	708	611	347	347	347	347	347	347	347	347	347	347	347	347	347	347
Eastern Synod	1	12	298	526	36701	78950	50	66	5768	577	4713	2722	1482	1482	1482	1482	1482	1482	1482	1482	1482	1482	1482	1482
Ohio	1	6	138	232	23480	19022	6384	859	676	1583	1030	571	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
German Synod of Northwest	1	10	181	222	19271	15858	1810	42	1168	1017	829	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Potomac	1	9	164	304	28760	20377	1874	266	1921	1052	621	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213
German " of the East	1	6	63	58	15199	12667	2026	18	761	706	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117
Central	1	4	90	109	19897	14978	1083	76	869	651	218	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Interior	1	5	67	2189	2806	1479	146	81	149	204	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112
	8	166	1083	14653	294712	190589	12461	14648	10823	11847	7906	274616	1483	1483	1483	1483	1483	1483	1483	1483	1483	1483	1483	1483

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• PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ST. PETERSBURG, CLARION CO., PA., OCTOBER 5-10, 1898.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met pursuant to resolution taken at its last regular meeting in *General Convention*, on Wednesday, October 5th, A. D. 1898, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., in St. Peter's Reformed church, St. Petersburg, Clarion county, Pa., and was opened with divine services. The sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. Thomas S. Land, of Manor Station, Pa., from Matt. 5:17-22. "Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of heaven: For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall *exceed the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not kill: and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment; but I say unto you, that every one who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the Council, and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of the hell of fire."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President and constituted with prayer. Thereupon the roll was called and a quorum found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers: J. F. Snyder, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., C. M. Hartzell, J. N. Bauman, J. H. Mickley, D. A. Souders,¹¹ C. W. Summey,¹² J. M. Evans, E. D. Meixell, D. S. Stephen, T. S. Land, S. B. Mase, W. H. Tussing,¹⁷ D. J. Wolf, C. E. Wagner, H. S. Garner, C. R. Ferner,¹⁻¹⁰ John McConnell¹⁰ and L. Cort¹⁰.

Elders: J. E. Kunkle,⁷ Abner Cort, Alex. Leonard, C. V. Bowers,¹⁰ Joseph Eisaman, C. J. Snyder,¹⁰ Joseph Jeffries, E. Crum, J. F. Naly, H. H. Byers, and William Bortz.

Charges not represented: Emanuel, Pine Run, Youngstown, Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Unity Harrolds.

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers: R. C. Bowling,¹¹⁰ R. E. Crum, R. F. Gass,¹¹ D. W. Kerr,¹¹ L. W. Showers,¹¹ J. N. Naly, H. D. Darbaker, U. O. H. Kerschner, J. P. Bachman, Lewis Reiter, F. M. Line,¹¹

Elders: O. S. Marshall,¹¹ H. L. Hartzfelt,¹⁴ Jacob Wingard,¹¹ William Eisenhart,¹¹ John Weisty, Peter Wingard, Josiah Fillman, L. D. Weber, Peter Klingler,¹¹ C. S. Moheny,¹¹ and W. G. King.

Charges not represented: Red Bank and Punxsutawney.

III.—St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers: A. M. Keifer, G. E. Limbert, D. B. Lady, D. D., L. P. Goerrig, A. M. Schaffner, H. I. Crow, J. C. Horning,¹¹ D. E. Master,¹¹ S. T. Wagner, A. S. Glessner and E. E. Emhoff.

Elders: John Reimold, A. B. Uber, Jacob Hecker, T. G. Derr, William Flaugh, A. Beckenridge, W. W. Deichman,¹¹

Charges not represented: St. Paul's, Meadville and Sharpsville.

IV.—Somerset Classis.

Ministers: A. R. Kremer, D.D.,¹⁰ S. C. Long, E. S. Hasler, D. H. Leader, A. E. Truxal, D.D.,¹¹ E. P. Skyles, J. T. Balliet, U. C. E. Gutelius,¹⁴ C. A. Hauser and J. D. Hunsicker.

Elders: N. D. Hay, P. S. Hay, J. F. Anthony, William Hillegass,¹¹ J. M. Wolfersberger, and Noah Lint.

Charges not represented: Somerset, Berlin, Beam, Stoystown, Cumberland, Frostburg, Wellersburg and Hyndman.

V.—Allegheny Classis.

Ministers: P. C. Prugh, D.D., John H. Prugh, D.D., D. N. Harnish, D. G. Klein,¹¹ A. M. Schmidt, A. K. Kline, A. J. Heller, D.D., C. L. Alspach,¹¹ H. W. Bright, J. G. Walter, C.

F. Althouse,¹⁰ J. A. Leuzinger, A. H. Smith,⁸ J. F. Kerlin, T. R. Deitz.¹

Elders: J. M. Conroy,^{3 7} W. A. Bowling, B. F. Stamm,⁶ H. F. Texter, Prof. J. G. Schucker,^{5 10} John Andre,¹⁰ R. Barnhart,⁸ C. Holman,^{2 10} P. I. Shakley.

Charges not represented: Butler, St. John's, Trinity, Calvary and First Hungarian.

Advisory Members.

From Eastern Synod: Rev. R. W. Miller.

From Potomac Synod: Revs. S. N. Callender, D.D., C. A. Santee and J. E. Leonard.

From Ohio Synod: Rev. H. S. Nicholson.

From Interior Synod: Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.

Visiting Ministers.

Rev. S. B. Roland, United Evangelical Church.

Note.—Appeared—'Thursday morning, 'Thursday afternoon, 'Friday morning, 'Friday afternoon, 'Saturday morning, 'Saturday afternoon. *Excused.* 'Saturday morning, 'Monday morning, 'Monday afternoon. 'Last roll call.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the current synodical year:

Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., *President*, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. A. M. Keifer, *Vice-President*, Greenville, Pa.

Rev. J. Harvey Mickley, *Stated Clerk*, Johnstown, Pa.

J. A. Leuzinger, *Corresponding Secretary*, Butler, Pa.

Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., *Treasurer*, Harmony, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were observed by the Synod in the transaction of its business; but the reading of the same was dispensed with.

The *Bar of the House* was defined as the first eleven rows of pews.

The session hours adopted by Synod were as follows: To meet at 9 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock P. M., and to adjourn at 11:30 o'clock A. M. and 4:30 o'clock P. M. These hours were observed, except that on Monday Synod met at 8:30 o'clock A. M. and 1:30 P. M., and adjourned on Thursday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. Friday and Monday mornings the time of adjournment was extended to 11:45 o'clock, and on Saturday afternoon to 5 o'clock. On Monday afternoon the session hour was extended to 5 o'clock, when a recess was taken until 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

Religious Services.—Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner, Rev. C. E. Wagner, Rev. J. A. Leuzinger, Elder N. D. Hay, Elder P. I. Shakely.

Minutes of Synod.—Rev. H. D. Darbaker, Rev. S. C. Long, Rev. H. I. Crow, Elder John Reimold, Elder John Weiser.

Overtures.—Rev. A. M. Keifer, Rev. E. P. Skyles, Rev. C. L. Althouse, Elder Jos. Eisaman, Elder L. D. Weber.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. G. E. Limbert, Rev. C. L. Als-pach, Rev. E. S. Hassler, Elder Abner Cort, Elder Peter Klingler.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Rev. S. T. Wagner, Rev. John McConnell, Rev. R. E. Crum, Elder J. M. Wolfensbergen, Elder R. Barnhart.

State of the Church.—Rev. T. S. Land, Rev. J. F. Snyder, Rev. L. P. Goerrig, Elder C. V. Bowers, Elder W. A. Bowling.

Theological Seminary.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., Rev. C. M. Hartzell, Rev. D. J. Wolf, Elder Jos. Jeffries, Elder Peter Wingert.

Missions.—Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Rev. D. A. Souders, Rev. A. H. Smith, Elder A. B. Uber, Elder C. T. Snyder.

Institutions of Learning.—Rev. D. H. Leader, Rev. A. K. Kline, Rev. E. D. Meixell, Elder J. M. Conroy, Elder Phil. Daubenspeck.

Education.—Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., Rev. J. M. Evans, Rev. J. N. Bauman, Elder O. S. Marshall, Elder Josiah Fillman.

Publication.—Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., Rev. D. N. Harnish, Rev. S. B. Mase, Elder E. Crum, Elder W. G. King.

Nominations.—Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Rev. W. H. Tussing, Rev. J. N. Naly, Elder P. S. Hay, Elder H. H. Beyers.

Finance.—Rev. R. C. Bowling, Rev. D. S. Stephan, Rev. J. F. Kerlin, Elder J. E. Kunkel, Elder J. F. Anthony.

Ministerial Necrology.—Rev. D. A. Souders, Rev. H. S. Garner, Rev. A. M. Schaffner, Elder Alex. Leonard, Elder W. W. Deichmann.

Sunday-schools.—Rev. H. W. Bright, Rev. J. G. Walter, Rev. A. S. Glessner, Elder H. F. Texter, Elder J. F. Naly.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of Pittsburgh Synod and of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committees.
2. The reports of the several boards of the Synod were read and referred to the proper committees.
3. Eighteen other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod throughout its sessions observed the following religious services, viz.:

1. The sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine service.
2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported at various times, and the report, as finally adopted and carried out, is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Religious Services present the following report:

Item 1. *Thursday, Oct. 6th: 7:45 P. M.*—Subject, "Orphans' Home and Institutions of Learning." Altar services by Rev. E. D. Meixel and Rev. A. S. Glessner. Chairman Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D. Addresses by Rev. C. R. Deffenbacher and Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Field Secretary of F. & M. College.

Item 2. *Friday, Oct. 7th: 7:45 P. M.*—Subjects, "Twentieth Century Movement;" "The Sunday-school Idea;" "Publications." Chairman, Rev. C. M. Hartzell. Addresses by Rev. R. W. Miller and Rev. J. C. Horning and Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D. Altar services by Rev. C. F. Althouse and Rev. A. H. Smith.

Item 3. *Saturday, Oct. 8th: 2 P. M.*—Preparatory service. Altar services by Rev. D. J. Wolf and Rev. R. E. Crum. Sermon by Rev. J. F. Kerlin.

Item 4. *Saturday, Oct. 8th: 7:45 P. M.*—Subject, "Foreign Missions." Altar services by Rev. H. S. Garner and Rev. C. A. Hauser. Chairman, Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D. Address by Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 5. *Sunday, Oct. 9th: 9:30 A. M.*—Sunday-school. Addresses by Revs. J. N. Bauman, J. C. Horning and Rev. R. W. Miller. Infant room, Rev. C. F. Althouse.

Item 6. *Sunday, Oct. 9th:* 11 A. M.—Holy Communion. Altar services by Reva. A. M. Keifer and J. H. Mickley. Sermon by Rev. S. B. Mase.

Item 7. *Sunday, Oct. 9th:* 3:30 P. M.—Children's services, conducted by Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., and others.

Item 8. *Sunday, Oct. 9th:* 6:30 P. M.—Endeavor Society. Leader, Rev. J. N. Naly. Addresses by Revs. E. Emhoff, C. F. Althouse, J. A. Leuzinger and J. C. Leonard.

Item 9. *Sunday, Oct. 9th:* 7:45 P. M.—Subject, "Home Missions." Altar services by Revs. L. P. Goerrig and H. I. Crow. Chairman, Rev. D. N. Harnish. Address by Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., Superintendent of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

U. O. H. KERSCHNER,

CHAS. E. WAGNER,

N. D. HAY,

J. A. LEUZINGER,

P. I. SHAKLEY,

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod presented its report Friday. The report was considered by items, amended and finally adopted as a whole. The following is the report:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Minutes of Synod offers the following report:

Item 1, p. 6. Committee of Ministerial Necrology, Rev. H. D. Darbaker, chairman.

Item 2, p. 24. Synod appropriates \$75 towards the support of teacher of elocution in Theological Seminary.

Item 3, p. 24. Synod appropriates \$200,—\$100 for current expenses of Theological Seminary, and \$100 to Pittsburgh Synod's professor.

Item 4, p. 24. Synod appropriates \$40 for course of lectures to students of Theological Seminary.

Item 5, p. 24. (a) Synod appoints Elder W. R. Barnhart to collect outstanding pledges to Pittsburgh Synod's professorship. (b) Synod requests pastors to co-operate, and read Synod's action from their pulpits, strongly urging the payment of arrearages.

Item 6, p. 47. Synod urges classes to adopt such measures as will bring the cause of Home and Foreign Missions to the hearts of our people.

Item 7, p. 47. Synod sets apart Second Sunday before Advent as a day of prayer and giving of alms for the relief of the Board of Home Missions.

Item 8, p. 47. Synod requests the classis to take action

by which the Reformed Church Tidings may be placed in every family.

Item 9, p. 47. The Treasurer is instructed to pay expenses of Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 10, p. 54. Synod instructs the superintendent of Orphans' Home to supply all charges with envelopes.

Item 11, p. 54. Synod suggests that the Directors of the Orphans' Home appoint a committee of five to arrange for St. Paul's Orphans' Home Day.

Item 12, p. 54. (a) Synod recommends the observance of Children's Day, and that the offerings be given to St. Paul's Orphan Home. (b) That the classes be instructed to urge the appointment in each congregation of an earnest, consecrated Christian woman to aid in increasing the offerings to the Home.

Item 13, p. 55. (a) The pastors of Synod are requested through their classes to admit the financial agent of the F. and M. College to their pulpits. (b) Each pastor is requested to preach one sermon during the year on the needs of our literary institutions at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 14, p. 57. Synod apportions upon the classes certain sums for the erection of a scientific building.

Item 15, p. 57. Synod urges congregations to open their doors to Field Secretary of F. and M. College for presentation of this work.

Item 16, p. 57. Synod urges active co-operation of the Synodical and Classical Committee on Endowment of F. and M. College and the completion of this particular work.

Item 17, p. 64. Synod directs the classes to co-operate with the Board of Publication in placing the Messenger in every family and Review in hands of every minister.

Item 18, p. 64. Synod instructs the Stated Clerk to publish 2,000 copies of proceedings of its meeting and distribute them in usual manner.

Item 19, p. 65. Expiration of terms of office:

Trustees of Synod, Elder G. M. Hartzell; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home*, Rev. S. T. Wagner, Rev. R. C. Bowling and B. Wolff, Jr.; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D., and Rev. J. F. Snyder; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. J. F. Snyder; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. A. M. Keifer; *Sunday-school Board*, Rev. D. N. Harnish.

Item 20, p. 74. Synod instructs the Treasurer to append to his report, the report of the finances of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 21, p. 74. Corresponding Secretary is directed to forward Synod's action to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 22, p. 75. Instructions to the Treasurer of Synod: (a) To pay all money for the support of disabled ministers through the Relief Society. (b) To pay Rev. C. L. Alsbaugh pastor loci. \$25. (c) To pay Rev. D. W. Leader \$1.50 for ballots.

Item 23, p. 82. Synod gives instruction to the Committee on Sunday-school work in each classis.

Item 24, p. 84. Synod recommends the classes to direct the congregations to take up offerings annually for the Society for the Relief of Ministers.

Item 25, p. 86. Synod orders the Treasurer to pay Rev. J. F. Wiant \$200.

Item 26, p. 87. Synod increases help to Rev. J. McConnell, making it \$200 per year instead of \$125.

Item 27, p. 88. Synod instructs, per classes, the pastors to preach an annual sermon on duty and privilege of caring for orphans.

Item 28, p. 89. Synod appoints a committee to attend the National Reform Association, Rev. T. S. Land, chairman.

Item 29, p. 90. Instructions to Corresponding Secretary: (a) To extend Synod's sympathy to Rev. E. Muehe; (b) To extend Synod's actions regarding special Temperance Day to Anna R. Mahood of the W. C. T. U.

Item 30, p. 92. Pastor loci instructed to read from his pulpit resolutions of thanks of Synod to the members of Trinity Reformed church, Wilkinsburg.

Item 31, p. 92. Thanks of Synod to the various railroad companies for orders for reduced rates.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. DARBAKER,

S. C. LONG,

JOHN REIMOLD,

H. I. CROW,

JOHN WEISTY.

The following action was taken:

Item 1. The committee reported and the report was adopted. See Art. XX.

Item 4. Found not attended to and adopted.

Items 2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 (b), 13 (a) and (b), 14, 16-18, 20-31 were found attended to and adopted.

Items 3, 5 (b), 6 and 12 (a), were found attended to in part and adopted.

Item 5 (a), Elder W. R. Barnhart reported, and the report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. See Art. XIII.

Items 7 and 15. Adopted.

Item 10. Found attended to and the action was reaffirmed.

Item 19. Adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. See Art. XVIII.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at various times. It was considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN—Your Committee on Overtures reports as follows:

Item 1. Is the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

Item 2. Is the annual report of the President of F. and M. College.

Item 3. Is the report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 4. Is the catalogue of F. & M. College and a booklet giving a historical account of the institutions at Lancaster.

Item 5. Is an overture from the Treasurer of Somerset Classis.

Item 6. Is the report of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod.

Item 7. Is a letter from Rev. Emil Muehe.

Item 8. Is a booklet on Infant Baptism by Rev. H. King.

Item 9. Is the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

Item 10. Is the report of the Board of Publication.

Item 11. Is a letter from Rev. Wm. Rupp D.D.

Item 12. Is a report from committee appointed to collect outstanding Seminary Endowment Funds.

Item 13. Is a communication from the treasurer of the Society for Relief of Disabled Ministers.

Item 14. Is a petition of the Rev. A. E. Truxal in behalf of Mrs. Chas. Glessner.

Item 15. Is a communication from the Rev. George Merle de F. Zacharius.

Item 16. Is the catalogue of Catawba College.

Item 17. Is a letter from Rev. F. Wetzel to be excused for absence from Synod.

Item 18. Is a communication from Pittsburgh Synod's Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. ALTHOUSE,	A. M. KEIFER,
E. P. SKYLES,	JOS. EISEMAN,
	L. D. WEBER.

The following action was taken.

Items 1 and 12 were read and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. See Art. XIII.

Items 2 and 4 were read and referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. See Art. XV.

Item 3 was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. See Art. XIV.

Item 5 was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. See Art. XIX.

Item 6 was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and Sunday Schools. See Arts. XIV and XXI.

Item 7. The letter was read and the item adopted. For further action see Art. XXII.

Item 8 was referred to a special committee. See Art. XXII.

Item 9 was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. See Art. XIII.

Item 10. The report was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. See Art. XVII.

Item 11. The letter was read and Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., was excused from attendance upon the sessions of Synod.

Item 13. The report was read and referred to a special committee. See Art. XXII.

Item 14. The petition was read and referred to a special committee. See Art. XXII.

Item 15. The communication was referred to a special committee. See Art. XXII.

Item 16. This item was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. See Art. XV.

Item 17. The communication was read, and Rev. F. Wetzel was excused.

Item 18. The communication was read and adopted. See Art. XIV.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported on Friday and Saturday. The report was considered by items and amended and adopted as a whole. The following is the report:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes submits the following report for your consideration:

I.—Irregularities.

Item 1. (a) Clarion Classis fails to send the minutes of all its special meetings held since the last annual meeting of Synod.

(b) Clarion Classis fails to note the dismissal of Revs. S. T. Wagner and Christian Gumbert, and the reception of Revs. Lewis Reiter and F. M. Line.

(c) The Minutes of Clarion Classis have not the seal of Classis affixed.

Item 2. Westmoreland Cassis fails to state a definite place in Ruffsdaie, Pa., for its next annual meeting.

II.—Requests.

Item 3. Westmoreland Classis requests Pittsburgh Synod to overture General Synod:

(a) To relieve the Sunday School Board of Mission work.

(b) To adopt a plan and policy whereby the accumulated profits of the Sunday School Board shall be appropriated by General Synod to the Home and Foreign Mission work in such proportion as General Synod shall direct.

(c) The same Classis overtures Pittsburgh Synod to overture General Synod:

1. In regard to representation on the several Boards of the Church.

2. In regard to the rights of District Synods to nominate candidates for said Boards.

Item 4. (a) Somerset Classis respectfully overtures Pittsburgh Synod to excuse it from complying with its action in regard to giving an offering each year to the Sunday School Board.

The same Classis overtures Pittsburg Synod.

(b) To reconsider its request to have offerings made toward the support of the Sunday School Board.

(c) To request the General Synod to take measures to have the expenses of the Board of Foreign Missions reduced to smaller proportions.

Item 5. Allegheny Classis overtures Synod to appropriate \$200 to Rev. Emil Muehe.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.—None.**IV.—Subjects Referred.**

Item 6. All matters referred to the different Classes by Synod were favorably acted on, with the following exceptions:

(a) Westmoreland Classis did not accept the apportionment of 6 cents per member for Church Building Funds.

(b) Westmoreland Classis did not fully adopt the

mentation in regard to the "Reformed Church Messenger" and the "Reformed Church Review."

(c) Clarion Classis did not fully adopt the recommendation concerning co-operation with reference to the placing of the "Messenger" and the "Review" into the families of the people and pastors.

(d) Clarion Classis did not adopt the apportionment of \$1,000 for the scientific building of Franklin and Marshall College, and the recommendation to co-operate with the financial secretary to raise said amounts.

(e) Somerset Classis does not adopt the recommendation of Synod to lift offerings for the Sunday-school Board.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

Item 7. (a) Westmoreland Classis dismissed Rev. I. N. Burger to Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod, and Rev. D. J. Wolf to Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod. Also erased from its roll the name of Licentiate Takeo Noya.

(b) Clarion Classis licensed E. E. Emhoff and dismissed him to St. Paul Classis. Dismissed Rev. J. D. Hunsicker to Somerset Classis.

(c) Somerset Classis received Rev. J. D. Hunsicker from Clarion Classis and Licentiate A. Walker from Juniata Classis. Dismissed Rev. A. S. Glessner to St. Paul Classis and Rev. J. F. Bair to Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior.

(d) Allegheny Classis licensed S. A. Stamm, and dismissed him to Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior. Received Rev. J. F. Kerlin from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. T. R. Deitz from Reading Classis, same Synod. Dismissed Rev. J. J. Wagoner to St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio. Also erased from its roll the name of Rev. M. F. Frank.

(e) St. Paul Classis licensed W. D. Stoyer and dismissed him to Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod. Received Rev. S. T. Wagner from Clarion Classis, Rev. A. S. Glessner from Somerset Classis, and Licentiate E. E. Emhoff from Clarion Classis and ordained him to the Gospel ministry. Dismissed Rev. J. D. Thomas to Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. F. M. Line to Clarion Classis, and Rev. Frederick Emmer to Zion Classis, Synod of the Northwest.

VI.—Place and Time of Next Annual Meeting.

Item 8. (a) Westmoreland Classis will meet in Ruffsedale, Westmoreland county, Pa., Wednesday, May 17, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. *President*, Rev. J. N. Bauman; *Stated Clerk*, Rev. J. F. Snyder.

(b) Clarion Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed church, Troutville, Pa., Wednesday, June 14, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock P.

M. *President*, Rev. L. W. Showers; *Stated Clerk*, Rev. R. E. Crum.

(c) *St. Paul Classis* will meet in St. John Reformed church, Crawford county, Pa., on the third Wednesday in June, 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M. *President*, Rev. H. I. Crow; *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Geo. E. Limbert.

(d) *Somerset Classis* will meet in the Reformed church, Somerset, Pa., June 7, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. *President*, Rev. D. H. Leader; *Stated Clerk*, Rev. E. S. Hassler.

(e) *Allegheny Classis* will meet in Calvary Reformed church, Turtle Creek, Pa., on the first Monday in May, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. *President*, Rev. H. W. Bright; *Stated Clerk*, Rev. D. N. Harnish.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. LIMBERT,

C. L. ALSPACH,
ABNER CORT,

E. S. HASSLER,
PETER KLINGLER.

The following action was taken:

Item 1 was adopted and the attention of Clarion Classis called to the irregularity.

Item 2 adopted. The attention of Westmoreland Classis called to the omission.

Items 3 (a and b), 4 (a and b), and 6 (e), were referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. See Art. XXI.

Item 3 (c) was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., J. F. Snyder and Elder H. F. Texter. The committee reported Monday evening, but the Synod failed to adopt their report.

Item 4 (c) was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. M. Schmidt, T. R. Dietz, L. P. Goerrig, Elders J. F. Naly and J. G. Schucker. See Art. XIV.

Item 5 was adopted.

Item 6 (a) was adopted and the attention of Westmoreland Classis was called to its failure.

Items 6 (b, c and d), 7 (a to e), 8 (a to e) were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported Monday morning. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod.

Your committee appreciate the honor of their appointment, but found no work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. WAGNER,

JOHN McCONNELL,
R. E. CRUM,

J. M. WOLFERSBERGER,
R. BARNHART.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church reported Monday. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to offer the following report:

It is with a feeling of gratitude to Almighty God that we recognize His guiding hand in the work of the Church during the year. He has, by His Holy Spirit, been with our pastors, encouraging them in their hours of despondency, guiding them in seasons of doubt, and strengthening them in their conflict with the powers of darkness. To His name be all the praise for whatever progress the Church has made during the year.

The reports of the different classes all bear a cheerful and encouraging tone. While there is evidence that the work has not always been easy, but that many and great difficulties have had to be overcome; while we are led to understand that service in the army of the Lord has not been a Summer encampment for drill, but an active campaign against the powers of darkness in which hard blows have been received, as well as given, still there is no complaining. Our pastors, like good soldiers, expect hardships, and realize that they are part of the campaign. Along with some defeats, they can also speak of victories; and as a result of the whole year's campaign, we notice a general, and, as we believe, a permanent advance along the whole line.

As a result of the faithful labor of the pastors, and the consecrated activity of the membership of the Church in our Synod, two more congregations of worshiping believers are reported than were reported one year ago; the membership of the Church has been increased by more than one thousand souls, and the amount of money contributed for benevolence is more than one thousand dollars larger than it was last year. While some may be dissatisfied that more has not been accomplished, and discontented because the growth has not been larger than it was, yet we realize the truth that we can

not "by taking thought add one cubit unto our stature." All genuine growth is of the Lord, and the growth we have enjoyed is certainly sufficient to encourage us to go on in our work in trust and confidence in God, who alone can crown our labors with success.

The different classical reports speak mainly of the regular work of the ministry. The Word has been preached in its purity, the children of Christian parents have been baptized, the youth have been confirmed, pastoral visitation has not been neglected, and our people, by the regular manner in which they for the most part, observe the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, show that they still have a just appreciation of the value of this important means of grace. Other methods of work may be instrumental in drawing the attention of men more prominently to the worker, and may, for the time being, appear to produce greater immediate results, yet our pastors wisely insist on adhering to the old Reformed and churchly methods of doing the work of the Lord. The kingdom of heaven cometh not by observation, not by public parade, and pomp and display, but by the silent unseen working of spiritual forces in the hearts and lives of the people of God.

The reports from the various institutions of the Church show that they are, for the most part, in a flourishing condition. Our publication house, though shorn of its most lucrative publications, is in a much more promising financial condition than it was some years ago. While the Theological Seminary at Lancaster mourns the loss of one of its best and strongest professors, in the death of the sainted Dr. Thomas G. Apple, it rejoices in an increased number of students within its halls; and Franklin and Marshall College, in the princely gift of the Watts de Peyster library building, lately erected on its campus, has become equipped with one of the essential prerequisites to the prosecution of literary work. We rejoice to learn also that Clarion Collegiate Institute, the only Reformed preparatory school within the bounds of our Synod, is in a prosperous condition. The brethren of Clarion Classis are to be commended for their zeal in maintaining this school for the education of the young people in their section of the Church. The only institution that seems to be unable to rejoice in the general prosperity is our Orphans' Home at Butler. For some reason this institution, which it would seem should claim the first care of a Christian people, does not call forth the sympathy of the Church to such an extent as to provide for its daily wants. Here, too, the hand of death has made itself felt during the year in the removal from her labors of love on earth to her rest in heaven of Mrs. Charlotte Hassler Prugh, who filled so well

for the orphaned children under her care the place of an earthly mother.

The removal from our midst of those who had been fellow laborers with us in the work of the Lord admonishes us that we be faithful to our calling, that we do our work with all our might while it is called to-day, since we know not how soon the night shall come when we can no longer work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. LAND,

J. F. SNYDER,

LOUIS P. GOERRIG,

W. A. BOWLING,

C. V. BOWERS.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Report of the Board of Visitors.

Under Item 1 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of the Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1897-1898.

1. The institution was opened September 9th, 1897, and was conducted without serious interruption during the entire seminary year.

2. The following persons, eight of whom are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, were admitted to the Junior Class: J. W. Albertson, J. P. Dieffenderfer, A. K. Faust, C. T. Isenberger, R. M. Kern, I. S. Leiby, C. B. Rebert, J. E. Sheetz, S. R. Wagner, W. H. Warner, C. E. Zimmerman. Total, 11.

3. The Middle Class consists of those who in May, 1897, were reported as members of the Junior Class, except that William D. Yearick was admitted on certificate from the School of Theology of the Moravian Church, and Robert F. Reed took his certificate of dismission to Union Theological Seminary, New York. Total, 17.

4. At the end of their middle year Edwin M. Hartman and Thaddeus G. Helm, of the graduating class, were chosen by F. and M. College to take charge of the Academy. At the opening of the current year Thomas M. Bickel, who graduated from F. and M. College in '95, was admitted to the Senior Class on certificate from the Theological Seminary of the Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn.

The following are members of the Senior Class: A. O. Bartholomew, T. L. Bickel, L. M. Fetterolf, G. W. Hartman, P. S. Leinbach, G. R. Poetter, M. E. Schadt, D. E. Schaeffer, F. C. Seitz, W. D. Stoyer, V. J. Tingler. Total, 11. These all passed approved examinations and were granted the regular testimonials.

5. Rev. J. V. George, Reading, Pa., completed the post-graduate course of study, and was recommended, through the college faculty, to the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. This recommendation was favorably considered and the degree conferred.

6. The services of Claude B. Davis, A. M., Professor of Oratory in the University of Wooster, Ohio, were secured for the department of elocution during the Winter term. His method of instruction was entirely satisfactory, and the faculty was authorized to employ him for another year.

7. Three courses of lectures by others than Seminary Professors were arranged by the faculty. Each course consisted of three lectures, which were delivered by Rev. D. B. Schnieder, Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., and Rev. A. S. Weber. The board reiterated its action of last year on this subject.

8. The tone of spiritual and moral life pervading the body of the students, was good, as was also the average grade of the students. No case of serious discipline occurred. The grade of a few students was below good, and called for the following action:

“Resolved that the faculty be requested to call the attention of those students who are below the average grade of their respective classes to the fact, and urge them to renewed application.”

9. Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., the honored and efficient President of the Board, was called to his rest on April 18th, 1898, after a brief illness. His valuable services for the Church in various departments of work are so well known, and have already received public recognition, that it only remains for us to record the fact of his departure, our appreciation of his labors and our spiritual joy over the victory of his faith. Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., was elected to fill his place.

10. It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., L.L.D., which occurred on September 17th, 1898. Although the health of Dr. Apple had been impaired several years ago he was better able to attend to his seminary duties during the past year than during previous one. It was, however, the last effort of

laborious and successful service; and shortly after the opening of this Fall term it became evident that we should lose the labors, if not the presence, of one who by his Christian character and friendly disposition had won the confidence and love, as by his profound thought, clear reasoning and loyalty to truth he had commanded the admiration of those who knew him. The action of the board on the death of Dr. Apple has been published.

Your attention is respectfully called to the vacancy which exists in the chair of Church History and to that clause in the charter which gives to the Eastern Synod the election of a successor, subject to the approval of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods.

11. At a special meeting held September 20th the board requested the faculty of the seminary to take up and carry forward Dr. Apple's work in such way as they are best able to do so, until his successor is chosen and enters upon his work.

12. Your reverend body is respectfully overtured to vote to the Board of Trustees one hundred and twenty-five (\$125) dollars to pay for instruction in elocution, and sixty (\$60) dollars to defray the expense incident to a supplementary course of lectures.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, PA., September 23, 1898.

II.—Report of the Board of Trustees.

Under Item 9 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the board held two regular and one special meetings.

The special meeting was held February 1st, 1898, at which was received the proposition of Mrs. Barbara Swander, wife of Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., of Tiffin, Ohio, to give to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, securities amounting to \$12,000, which, however, will not be fully available until after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Swander. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this board and of the Church are due to Mrs. Barbara Swander and Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., for their noble beneficence to

the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., and that the board accept the same with heartfelt gratitude."

The Treasurer presented his report on the Kansas Investments, which were finally disposed of by the sale of the properties, which the board had been obliged to buy. The action of the Committee on Kansas Investments was approved by the board, and the Treasurer instructed to make a deduction on the endowment fund of \$2,826.99.

The regular annual meeting was held on May 12th, 1898, when the following officers were elected: President, George N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The de Peyster Library Building is partly situated on Seminary ground, therefore,

Resolved, That the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, be authorized to grant in fee simple to the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College, fifty feet of ground on College avenue the full depth of the lot for the sum of one dollar.

The attention of the Synod is called to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the various Synods be respectfully requested to take under consideration the question of the payment of the necessary expenses of the members of the board in their attendance upon the meetings.

The Fall meeting was held in the Seminary building on October 4th, 1898.

Accompanying this paper is the report of the special committee on the extraordinary expenses of the board during the past year.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion \$1,200 towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary, and \$900 in payment of the extraordinary expenses referred to in the special committee's report, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod	\$1,050 00
Pittsburgh Synod	350 00
Potomac Synod	700 00

The following action was taken on the death of Dr. Thos. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Church History:

Whereas, In the Providence of God, Rev. Thomas

G. Apple, D.D., has been removed by death from our Theological Seminary, in which for twenty-seven years he served as Professor of Church History; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Board of Trustees, do hereby sorrowfully make record of his decease, and at the same time express our high appreciation of his many noble virtues as a man and of his eminent abilities and incalculable services as a Christian teacher.

Resolved, That, through our Secretary, a copy of these resolutions be conveyed to the bereaved family, along with the expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 4th, 1898.

III.—Treasurer's Report.

Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

1897.	DR.	
Oct. 1.	For amount of Endowment Fund.....	\$94,718 69
1898.		
June 22.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as purchase money for fifty feet of ground on College avenue, as per action of Seminary Board had May 12, 1898, for.....	1 00
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		\$94,719 69

1898.	CR.	
Feb. 16.	By authority of the Board of Trustees the following deductions are made, viz:	
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. L. Strohm and wife.....	\$2,033 19
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. R. A. Richardson and wife.....	543 80
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. Isaac Fink	250 00
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		\$2,826 99

1898.		
Oct. 1.	Amount of Endowment Fund.....	\$91,892 70

Current Expense Account.

1898.	DR.	
Oct. 1.	For sundry incomes and interest received from Oct. 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898.....	\$6,143 34

1897.		CR.	
Oct.	1.	By balance due Treasurer.....	\$4,458 13
1898.			
Oct.	1.	By sundry salary account and bills paid to date.	6,633 97
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			\$11,092 10
Oct.	1.	Amount Dr. brought down.....	6,143 34
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Oct.	1.	Amount due Treasurer.....	\$4,948 76
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Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1898.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	For amount received for Seminary Aid and Elocution from Oct. 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898.....	\$890 81
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1898.		CR.	
Oct.	1.	By amount charged to Treasurer in Seminary Current expense account to date.....	\$890 81

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

1898.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$1,819 96
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1897.			
Oct.	1.	For balance due Fund to date.....	137 27

1898.			
Oct.	1.	For interest paid to date.....	65 99
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			\$203 26

1898.		CR.	
Oct.	1.	By sundry bills and orders paid to date.....	81 25
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		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1898.....	\$122 01

Smalts Fund Account.

1898.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$5,000 00
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		DR.	
Oct.	1.	For interest received to date.....	\$250 00
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		CR.	
Oct.	1.	By amount paid John Hertzler, Treasurer of Beneficiary Board..	\$250 00
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William A. Wilt Fund.

		Amount of Fund is.....	\$833 33
1898.			
Oct.	1.	For interest on same to date.....	\$41 66
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and accounted for in Treasurer's
Current Expense Account.

Schaff Prize Fund in Church History.

Amount of Fund is \$2,000 75

1898.

May 1. Balance due Fund to date is \$14 95

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

Amount of Fund is \$410 47

Jacob Korney Alcove Fund in Seminary Library.

Amount of Fund is \$1,000 00

1898.

Oct. 1. By balance due Fund on interest account \$144 15

Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund for Alcove in Library.

1898.

Oct. 1. Amount of Fund to Oct. 1, 1898 with all interest added to principal is \$960 00

Heary Wirt Fund. Alcove in Seminary Library.

Amount of Fund is \$1,000 00

1898.

Oct. 1. By balance due Fund to date \$103 33

Seminary Class 1894. Alcove Fund in Seminary Library.

Amount of Fund is \$981 00

1898.

Oct. 1. Sundry notes in hands of Treasurer \$721 00

Oct. 1. Cash paid Treas. on account of notes 260 00

Oct. 1. By amount due Fund, interest \$10 00

\$981 00

The John Riegel Fund.

Amount of Fund is \$15,680 00

1898.

Oct. 1. Notes all paid and income from same accounted for in Treasurer's Account to Board.

Pittsburg Professorship Fund.

1897.

Oct. 1. For amount of Fund reported \$29,623 19

1898.

Oct. 1. Received additional funds to date 241 45

\$29,864 64

DR.

For interest received on Fund from
Oct. 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898..... \$1,646 13

1898.

CR.

Oct. 1. By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., as
per vouchers \$1,646 13

HOW INVESTED.

Hempfield Coal Bonds.....	\$14,500 00
Greensburg Glass Co.....	2,000 00
Rupp, W., D.D., note.....	800 00
Clarion Classis	400 00
Rumbaugh Brick Co.....	4,350 00
Thos. Donohoe	2,000 00
Home Mission Board.....	1,600 00
Bair Mortgage	2,750 00
Sewickly Coal Gas Bonds.....	1,000 00
Hon. W. R. Barnhart, cash.....	464 64

\$29,864 64

SPECIAL.

Seminary Grounds and Building Account.

John D. Skiles and John B. Roth, Committee.
To John B. Roth, Treasurer.

1898.

DR.

Mar. 21.	For amount paid John W. Musser for grading and removing embankment on Pine street opened through Seminary property as per requirements of city ordinance.....	\$198 79
Apr. 9.	For filling in ground on Lemon street.....	12 54
Apr. 12.	" sodding embankment on Pine street.....	85 20
Apr. 26.	" Jacob Pontz, brick bill.....	28 00
Apr. 26.	" Chas. Kahl, work done.....	10 35
May 5.	" filling in ground on College Avenue.....	26 25
May 7.	" Chas. Kahl, work done.....	2 50
May 14.	" grading and terracing on College Avenue	\$10 00
May 28.	For grading and terracing on College Avenue in full.....	40 00
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		50 00
May 17.	For Chas. Kahl, work done.....	2 10
May 24.	" bill for horse lawn-mower for use on Seminary grounds and freight on same.....	63 03
May 28.	For Daniel Boas, bill for sodding on College Avenue	28 20
July 1.	For bill for painting at Professors' houses....	19 00
July 21.	" Filling in on Seminary grounds.....	3 75
July 26.	" C. B. Landis, making fences.....	15 00
Aug. 13.	" Brown and Andrews, work.....	2 25
Sept. 1.	" ploughing, seeding and leveling Seminary grounds	16 60
Sept. 9.	For B. B. Martin & Co., lumber bill.....	56 01
Sept. 10.	" Stoner, Shreiner & Co., hardware.....	14 87
Sept. 12.	" D. H. Miller, bill putting in bath tubs, water closets and drains in houses occupied by Thos.	

G. Apple, D.D., and E. V. Gerhart, D.D., as
per orders of Seminary Board..... 250 86

\$885 24

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH.

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in
the United States.

LANCASTER, Sept. 26, 1898.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to examine and audit the
several accounts of the Treasurer, report that we have done so
and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Sept. 30, 1898.

IV.—Report of the Collector of Endowment Pledges.

Under Item 12 of the Standing Committee on Overtures
was read a report from Elder W. R. Barnhart, the collector of
outstanding subscriptions. This report was tabled until the
report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod re-
ported. The report was considered under the latter commit-
tee and was referred to the Standing Committee on Theo-
logical Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee of one appointed and authorized at your
last meeting with the co-operation of the pastors to collect the
outstanding pledges given for Seminary endowment, would
respectfully report that, while I did not canvass the field, which,
with the prospect of receiving nothing in return for the cause,
would have required more time and patience than I had at my
command. I was always ready to write or go where there was
any hope of getting any of said fund, and ready and anxious to
receive the same. I hereunto attach the notice I had in the
"Messenger" February 3rd, 1898, in regard to this matter. I
have received no money, but have the promise of several small
amounts soon. I would like to state to your reverend Synod
that we need \$135.36 to make \$30,000. I am holding and pay-
ing interest on 464.64, working and waiting to make this
amount \$600 to invest, and the whole amount \$30,000. I
wish your reverend Synod would make this amount the even
\$30,000, and exonerate and dismiss all the back or outstanding
pledges, and relieve us all of this part of our Church work. The
amount reported last year was incorrect. The chairman made
a mistake in his additions, and a reduction had been made on
a certain note which was sanctioned by the committee. In ad-
dition to the 29,864.64 (which is the correct amount), we hold
the Byers note for \$3,000.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BARNHART.

V.—Report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary reported Saturday afternoon and Monday forenoon. The report was considered item by item. Several of the items were amended, and the items severally, and the report as a whole, was adopted. The sums recommended were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary report the following for consideration:

The papers referred to us are:

1. Report of the Board of Trustees of Seminary.
2. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary.
3. Synopsis of the annual report of Trustees of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.
4. Report of the committee of one to collect the outstanding pledges to the Seminary endowment fund of Pittsburgh Synod.

These reports call for the following action by this Synod, and we recommend,

1. That they be printed in the minutes of Synod.
2. That the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, be authorized to grant in fee simple to the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College fifty feet of ground on the college avenue the full depth of the lot for the sum of \$1.00.
3. In consideration of the question of paying the necessary expenses in their attendance upon the meetings, this Synod deem it unwise to take favorable action.
4. That the request to Pittsburgh Synod to apportion \$350 for the payment of the current and extraordinary expenses to the extent of \$150 be granted.
5. (a) That Synod vote \$100 to pay for the instruction in elocution.
- (b) And that instead of paying \$60 as requested for a supplementary course of lectures, Synod instructs the Treasurer to pay to the Board of Trustees \$40, apportioned last year, but not paid.
6. That the committee of one appointed by Synod to collect the unpaid pledges to the endowment fund be continued, with the substitution of the name of Rev. D. A. Souders, instead of W. R. Barnhart.

7. That Synod rejoices in the continued prosperity and efficiency of our Theological Seminary, but deeply mourns the

death of its Professor of Church History, Thomas G. Apple, D.D., LL.D.

8. That inasmuch as a vacancy has occurred in the Professorship of Church History in our Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, which vacancy is to be filled by the Eastern Synod, subject to the approval of this Synod, therefore, we instruct the officers of this Synod to call a special session as soon as notified of such election.

P. C. PRUGH,

C. M. HARTZEL,

D. J. WOLF,

P. WINGARD,

J. H. JEFFRIES.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I.—Report of the Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions.

The Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions reported on Friday afternoon. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Missions respectfully report that during the year we have sent our executive committee, or a representative of the board to each meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Board to present the interests of our Synod before that body. In this way we have secured a more definite understanding of the relation between the boards, and are in a better situation to present the claims of our Synod.

We call attention to this matter in order that members of this Synod who may have occasion to bring any new work to the attention of the General Board, will first confer with the board of this Synod.

Connellsville was recommended to the General Board as the most urgent point within our bounds, and the recommendation was formally acted upon, and a mission will be organized there as soon as possible. Other points will be taken up in the order of their importance, upon the recommendation of your board, as soon as the General Board can secure the funds.

Because of this fact your board feels that the most important mission work for our Synod now is to awaken a greater interest among the people in mission work in general.

We are glad to report that a commendable beginning has already been made in this direction. The ministers and elders of Pittsburgh and vicinity have organized a Missionary Alli-

ance, the object of which is to care for mission interests in the immediate vicinity, and to secure funds for the establishment and support of Sunday-school Missions at new points. Two such points, Homestead and Duquesne, are now receiving the attention and support of this alliance.

We suggest (1) that similar organizations be effected in the several classes of Synod. (2) That pastors arrange for Church work conventions during the coming Winter for the consideration of mission subjects and (3) that Synod invite Supt. Fouse of the General Synod to help along this work.

We regret the necessity of bringing to your attention the needs of the mission at Turtle Creek. This congregation has erected a fine church building, which is an ornament to the town, and a credit to the Reformed Church, but the burden of debt is so heavy that unless aid be given from some source, the mission will be much retarded in its progress toward self-support. In fact the need is imperative. The General Synod Board of Missions is not in a situation to do much, and so the mission comes to us, asking that we assume a part of their burden. We commend this request to your careful consideration.

Your board incurred expenses during the year, which remain unpaid to the amount of \$10, which we respectfully ask you to pay.

The term of A. M. Keifer, as a member of this board, expires with the present meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS,

ROBT. C. BOWLING,	A. M. KEIFER,
J. M. CONROY,	A. E. TRUXAL.

II.—Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

The Superintendent of General Synod's Board of Home Missions, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., read his report on Thursday forenoon. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the English Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The annual report was published and sent out to the pastors in April last. That report is of necessity somewhat lengthy. It was deemed well, therefore, to prepare a shorter report embodying the main items of the annual report. Indeed, much of this report is taken word for word from that report with here and there some additions in order to bring it up to the present date.

Perhaps, during no year of the past did the missions and

missionaries do more efficient work. We can report an exceptionally prosperous year among the missions. Only one missionary was taken from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward, namely, Rev. J. L. Bretz, of Millersburg, Ind. The health of all the missionaries, with this one exception, was such that they could give their best energies to their work, and well did they perform their labors.

During the year the debt has been a matter of embarrassment to the board. Strong efforts were put forth to reduce the debt of \$22,000, which was the arrearage on April 1st, 1897. This debt has been gradually reduced until at the meeting of the Executive Committee, in July last, the amount was only \$9,000. The board now feels confident that in a reasonable time the debt will be entirely cancelled. When paid the board will be enabled to lay hold on some of the many opportunities for expansion.

During no previous year did so many missions become self-supporting. This gives evidence of the spirit of self-helpfulness among the missions and should be a strong incentive to the Church to extend help to mission fields.

The Church feels like helping those who help themselves. The following are the missions that declared themselves self-supporting at the meeting of the board: Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. H. H. Apple, pastor; Woodbury, Md.; McKeesport, Pa.; Cleveland, O.; Paulding, O.; Astoria, Ill.; Lisbon, Ia., and Liscomb, Ia. The pastors of these missions and their people are to be congratulated by the Church for their heroic effort to become self-supporting and so relieve the board and Church from affording any more help. Three other missions were not enrolled for the present year, as the board felt that they could support themselves.

By the statement of Treasurer Reber we find that the income of the board from April 1st, 1897, to April 1st, 1898, was \$48,006.64. This includes the money for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German English Missions. This sum includes, of course, all that was received on the apportionments and also from the special effort of last year.

The last annual report, which was prepared prior to the annual meeting of the board, showed a pay-roll of more than \$44,000. At the annual meeting reductions were made amounting to a little over \$3,000. Then one Hungarian mission was added, so that the pay-roll from April 1st, 1897, to April 1st, 1898, was \$42,000, had all the missions been supplied with pastors. But as a number of the missions were without pastors during the year, the actual amount paid did not quite reach \$40,000. Add to this \$40,000 the debt of \$22,000 of a year ago and you have \$62,000. From this take the \$48,006.64 and you

have the debt of the board on April 1st, 1898, something over \$13,000. This has since been reduced to \$9,000. Beginning with the new year we have eighty-nine missions on the roll of the board. One has been added since, namely, Connellsville, Pa. The reductions, including the missions that became self-supporting, amount to \$3,735. The pay-roll, as it stands at the beginning of the board year, without the incidental expenses, amounts to \$39,495. This is considerably less than for several years past.

The General Synod apportioned \$58,000 for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German-English missions. By special effort \$48,006.64 of this sum was raised during the last year. Without any special effort and upon the basis of the appointments alone the Church seemingly did not raise much beyond \$36,000. It will, therefore, be seen that the board is now bringing the expenses down to the amount that the Church, heretofore, was willing to contribute to the cause of Home Missions. But a sufficient sum must be raised in addition to cancel the debt of \$9,000, while new work should be assumed by all means. The board, therefore, urges the classes and Synods to impress upon the pastors the importance of paying the missionary apportionments promptly. If these are paid, the board can pay the debt and assume some additional work.

The Harbor Mission at the port of New York, under the efficient care of Brother Sommerlatte, is doing a good work.

The Bohemian Mission, in Chicago, under Pastor Molnar, is prospering. On the first Sunday of August, 1897, the congregation was organized in regular form, forty-seven members entering the organization. Other members have been added since that time. This congregation is very much in need of a chapel or church. The Church must in some way meet this demand.

The Hungarian work is prospering. The Hungarian brethren seem to have the determination and liberality which enables them to acquire church property. During the year some changes have taken place. Rev. Alex. Harsanyi left Cleveland, Ohio, and opened a mission in Chicago, Ill., with very flattering prospects. Rev. B. Demeter was taken from New York and placed over the mission in Cleveland, but has since returned to Hungary. Rev. Francis C. Sanfordi was called from Hungary and placed over the mission at Trenton, N. J., lately vacated by Gustavus Jurany. Rev. Zoltan Kuthy was transferred from Mt. Carmel, Pa., to New York City. By the death of Rev. Francis Ferenczi, of Pittsburgh, Pa., we have lost a faithful servant. Accordingly Cleveland, O., Mt. Carmel, Pa., and Pittsburgh, Pa., are at present vacant. No de-

partment of the work is more prosperous than the Hungarian. These people come nearer helping themselves than any under the board.

The extension work increases in importance as the years come and go. While always important, it is more so now than ever before from the fact that the work is extending and making the need of it all the more pressing. The Church can look with satisfaction on what is being done in this department. From nothing, a few years ago, it has grown to quite respectable proportions. It has a still more extended mission in our church. During the past year the usual progress was made. Quite a number of missions have had aid extended them. We are glad to say that a number of our people have given \$500 funds to this cause. Treasurer Boush reports the following sums to this cause up to date :

From apportionments	\$3,376 12
On Extension Funds	4,776 25
Repaid by Missions	2,053 03
On Schlatter Fund (small sums)	197 84
Borrowed	5,100 00
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	\$15,503 24

The disbursements to all objects amounted to \$14,503.24, leaving at this time \$1,000 in the treasury.

The Church can do nothing better for her own advancement than to strongly support the extension work. A great forward movement along the extension lines is very much needed in our Church. We believe that the Church will see the need of such funds soon and will furnish them.

The appropriations for the 90 missions on the roll of the board on October 1st, 1898, will, in round numbers, amount to \$40,000. This includes the pay of superintendents. As there are always some missions vacant, so requiring no salary during such vacancy, the \$40,000 will likely meet all the extra expenses as well. If the apportionments are promptly paid all liabilities can be met and the indebtedness cancelled.

The General Synod apportioned, on the Synods, the sum of \$58,000. Of this the English Synods are apportioned the following sums :

SYNODS	Home Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Hung. & Boh. Missions.	German Missions.
Eastern, . . .	\$25,100 00	\$435 00	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00
Potomac, . . .	9,500 00	140 00	840 00	840 00
Ohio,	5,500 00	95 00	550 00	550 00
Pittsburgh, . .	4,100 00	75 00	450 00	450 00
Interior, . . .	600 00	15 00	100 00	100 00

This apportionment remains the same for three years from the last meeting of the General Synod. We give it here merely for the use of the Synods.

These apportionments are very moderate. They are within the reach of our people, and it is hoped that strong efforts will be made to pay them in full.

It is the desire of the board that the apportionments may be paid in order that the debt may be met and new work inaugurated. Under existing circumstances the board can only carry forward the work as it now is, and must wait until the Church contributes additional funds to assume additional work.

It is a pity that more cannot be done, as many calls are coming for help, and many opportunities are open to us, as a Church. The board has, however, determined upon one thing, namely, not to assume additional work until the funds are in sight with which to carry it forward.

By arrangements with the Sunday-school board the Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. J. C. Horning, went to St. Louis last October and opened a Sunday-school, and has been laboring there since. The understanding between the boards is that he shall remain there a year or two, or until the Mission board is prepared to place a missionary at that place.

For a more complete report see the annual report which was published on April 1st, '98, and contains a complete roll of the Missions with such other statistics as were deemed important. This annual report has been sent to all the pastors in the English Synods as well as to many of the elders and others.

The Board, in conclusion, asks of the Classes, Synods and the entire church a more hearty co-operation in the Home Mission work. The work is worthy of such co-operation and the future growth of the church must depend very largely upon the efforts we now put forth for the advancement of the work. We have prospered in spite of hard times. The blessings of the

Master have been upon our work. May He continue to bless us.

D. S. FOUSE, *Superintendent*.

III.—A Communication From the Secretary of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

Under item 3 of the report of the Standing Committee on overtures was read, the report of the General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting our annual statement of the progress and condition of our missionary work in Japan, we find no special features to note. During the last year the work has gone successfully forward, with usual encouraging results. We have now some 56 points where the gospel is preached with more or less success, and souls are being won to Christ. In all, 31 have graduated from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin. Some of these are engaged as personal assistants and teachers by our several missionaries; two are engaged as teachers in the Tohoku Gakuin, a few have entered upon school teaching, but the most of them are engaged in preaching the gospel as evangelists. Those who are not engaged specifically as evangelists, are engaged as opportunity is afforded in some branch of Christian work. This is especially true of those who are helpers and teachers of the several missionaries. Eight graduated at the last commencement, of whom seven have already entered upon evangelistic work, while one devotes himself to teaching. Nine students were baptized during the year, while others are restrained from an open profession of Christ, by the opposition of heathen parents.

The visible results of the missionary work in Japan are materially restrained by the general absorbing interest of the people in political and commercial affairs. What, with the near approach of the time when the revised treaties will go into effect, with the far reaching commercial changes which that will effect; the gravely disturbed condition of China and Korea; and later still, the radical changes imminent in the Philippine Islands; the people feel but little incentive to give heed to the interests of religion. And yet, withal, the public prints give unmistakable evidence that in the thoughts of the people, Christianity is exerting a leavening power. As the arts and offices of Western civilization are winning acceptance, they carry with them the conviction to the thoughtful, that they are

the product of the Christian religion. And the leaven is producing its fruits in the minds of the better class. During the past year, for the second time, an outspoken, active Christian was elected Speaker of the Lower House of the Imperial Parliament.

No new missionaries were sent out during the last year. This was not, however, for the want of applicants for appointment.

Rev. D. B. Schneder, after a most profitable furlough returned to the field. He landed in Japan May 3d, after a favorable journey, except that Mrs. Schneder suffered with seasickness during nearly the entire voyage. A few days on land, however, restored her to usual health.

Miss Mary C. Hollowell, who had been sent out seven years, will come home on furlough, sailing Oct. 1st. prox. She had thought of coming via India and Europe, thus completing the circuit of the world. But her contemplated arrangements failing her, she will come via San Francisco.

The board is pained to have to say, that Rev. Dr. Moore has for some time labored under severely impaired health. He has been interrupted in his most prosperous labors in the city of Tokyo and vicinity, and has been spending some time at a health resort in the mountains of Japan. His physicians advise him, that in case he is not decidedly relieved by his sojourn in the mountains, it will be necessary for him to come to America. The board is anxiously awaiting further intelligence from him.

Rev. Hoy experienced a severe recurrence of his old ailment, the asthma. By the advice of his brethren of the Mission, approved by the board, he took a vacation, and visited China. He had scarcely reached China when his asthma left him. He returned to Japan greatly relieved, and is again as busy as ever. The results of his travels and observations in China, the church is learning from his series of letters published in the church papers. This series is not yet completed, and whatever else they may effect, one important result will accrue; they will furnish the church a most graphic account of the terrible condition, appalling miseries and imperative wants of the heathen world. God grant, that the hearts and consciences of his children in Christian lands, may be moved by the challenge, to self-denial and speedy effort for its relief.

The board has not been unmindful of the instructions given by the last General Synod, to plant a new Mission. Its inquiries have intensified its desire to carry out these instructions, and the want of the necessary means alone restrained it from doing so. The Classes, at their last annual meetings were challenged with the inquiry whether they were prepared to fur-

nish the additional means for this new step, with the following result: Of 53 Classes replying, the answer of 17 were affirmative, with two of them qualified; 22 were negative, and 14 non-committal or no-action. The board will report this result to General Synod, and ask for further instructions.

The receipts of our board show the apportionments several thousand dollars short. While the board, aided by outside receipts was able to meet current expenses, it was unable to take the advance steps which our Japan work calls for, and it was compelled to move along at its old pace. We would again most earnestly bespeak of your Reverend Body such energetic action as will secure to our treasury at least the sum designated by General Synod as its apportionment.

By order of the board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., September 16, 1898.

IV.—A Communication From the Publishing Committee of the Reformed Church Tidings.

Under item 6, of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read, Thursday afternoon, the report of the Publishing Committee of the Reformed Church Tidings and the report of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod. The former was referred to the Standing Committee of Missions and is as follows:

READING, PA., September 27, 1898.

To the Several District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: In behalf of the joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Sunday-school work, we beg leave to report that the second year of the publication of the *Reformed Church Tidings* has shown that there is a distinctive field and mission for this periodical.

The paid circulation has exceeded 19,000 copies, which is a falling off of some 6,000 copies from the first year. The advertising receipts show a gain; and these were reduced, owing to the Spanish-American war, which has affected general advertising the last six months. The financial statement herewith given show that *Tidings* can be placed upon a permanent financial foundation. The report of the business manager, taken from the books under date of September 22, 1898, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

19,045 club subscriptions @ 10c each.....	\$1,904 50
From subscription account, '97, and donation.....	4 77
200 single subscriptions @ 25c.....	50 00
From topic cards, C. E. supplies, club offer, loans, etc.....	2,633 49
From patterns and Mis. Books.....	7 10
From advertising	2,025 54
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Total money received to date.....	\$6,625 40
571 subscriptions @ 10c. (unpaid).....	\$57 10
Advertising earned and unpaid.....	718 04
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Total	\$7,400 54

EXPENDITURES.

Printing of paper.....	\$3,724 95
Postage on mailing.....	330 67
Traveling expenses	364 78
Salaries and commissions.....	1,377 23
Office expenses, postage, gas, rent, stationery, etc.....	384 12
Miscellaneous—printing topic cards, C. E. supplies, discount on notes, payment of loan, club offer.....	411 95
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Total expenditure to date.....	\$6,593 69

INDEBTEDNESS.

Notes discounted	\$2,171 00
For office supplies	83 99
Salaries due	86 00
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Total indebtedness	\$2,240 99
Credit balance as above.....	806 35
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Present indebtedness	\$1,434 14

NOTE.—The above includes an indebtedness carried over from the first year of \$1,424.47. The value of the good will, subscription list, furniture, etc., is not included in the assets although they represent items of value.

During the year, owing to the increased duties of his position, in Sunday-school work, the managing editor resigned, and Rev. C. E. Schaeffer was elected, and has been acting as managing editor since April 1, 1898.

From every section of the church, ministers and church members have again expressed themselves during the year as delighted with the paper, and have assured us of the great good it is doing. We would, however, remind your reverend body, that to make Tidings self-supporting, and a source of profit to the several boards, it is necessary that the original plan be carried out as far as possible, namely, a copy of the Reformed Church Tidings be placed in every family in every congregation in the church.

Our circulation has been large, although there are several hundred congregations where Tidings does not circulate. To

attain a still larger circulation, we again respectfully request your reverend body to take such action as will cause the Classes to call the attention of pastors and consistories of the various charges to the importance of devising ways and means to place the Reformed Church Tidings into every family in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman.*

C. S. GERHARD, D.D., *Secretary,*

S. N. CALLENDER, D.D.,

J. L. LEMBERGER,

T. J. BARKLEY, D.D.,

F. G. HOBSON,

Publishing Committee.

V.—Report of the Standing Committee on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported on Monday. The report was considered by items. The items severally adopted, and the sums recommended therein referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee respectfully reports that the following papers have been placed in their hands:

1. The annual report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.
2. The report of Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Home Missions.
3. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions.
4. The report of the Publishing Committee of the Reformed Church Tidings.

1. We express our gratitude to God for the large measure of success that has followed the efforts of General Synod's Board of Missions during the past year, and give our confidence to the board for their zealous and energetic efforts in carrying forward the work under the many discouraging circumstances under which they labor.

We respectfully call the attention of their board to the promising territory of the Pittsburgh Synod, in the firm belief that no section of our country offers greater and speedier results. We believe that this Synod's faithfulness to the board merits greater attention to the promising opening within our bounds.

2. We recommend the following apportionments:

Home Missions	\$4,100
Harbor Missions	75
Hungarian Missions	500

Also an apportionment of six cents per member for Church Extension.

3. We find that the Mission at Turtle Creek is deeply involved in a church debt, and it is very evident that without help the property cannot be saved to the church. (1) We, therefore, recommend, that this Synod assumes the interest, for two years, of the \$5,000 the Mission owes the Germania Bank, of Pittsburgh. (2.) That the General Board of Missions be requested to assume for the same period of time, the interest of the \$1,600 which it has already assumed and in addition thereto give the mission an additional loan of \$500. (3.) That in view of this action, if adopted, the mission be enjoined to raise sufficient money at once to meet the note of \$1,000 due in the bank at Turtle Creek—and that during these two years the mission puts forth all possible efforts to reduce the indebtedness on the church property.

4. This Synod's Board of Missions has been able to do but little more than to call the attention of General Synod's Board to new and promising mission points within our own bounds, with some measure of success. They call attention to the straitened and oppressive financial circumstances of the mission at Turtle Creek. We hereby express our unqualified disapproval of any mission involving itself in oppressive indebtedness which imperils its own existence and the loss of all that our board may have expended in its support; and recommend that the Board of Missions of General Synod, hereafter exercise some authority in such cases. We recommend that for this work \$2,600 be apportioned tentatively upon the classes.

5. As to the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, our thanks are due to the Almighty God for His continued favor toward us in our efforts to spread the Gospel in Japan. The report of our secretary gives a fair and encouraging view of the work. It is to be feared that we and our people are but playing and trifling in the great work of the Lord, and that we forfeit much grace and many benedictions by our unfaithfulness. It is time to awaken out of sleep, for another fulness of time is about upon us, if we can at all read the sign of the times, as manifested under the guidance of His hand.

6. We rejoice to know that the ministers and elders of Pittsburgh and vicinity have organized a Missionary Alliance, for the purpose of establishing new interests in their immediate vicinity, and sustaining them, etc. We recommend that like organizations be formed, wherever possible, or that the Classes devise plans to hold "Church Work Conventions" in as many of their congregations as possible, and that Super-

intendent Fouse be invited to assist in that work as much as possible.

From the report of the Publication Committee of the Church Tidings we have a statement of the present condition of that periodical, which we again commend to our people and ask the Classes to take such action as may place it before all the members of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,	
D. A. SOUDERS,	A. H. SMITH,
A. B. UBER,	C. J. SNYDER.

VI.—Overture From Somerset Classis, Asking for a Reduction in the Expenses of the Foreign Mission Board.

Under item (4c) of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, was read the overture. It was referred to a special committee—consisting of Revs. A. M. Schmidt, T. R. Deitz, L. P. Goerrig, and Elders, J. F. Naly and Prof. J. G. Schucker. This committee reported, Monday evening. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee appointed to consider the overture coming from Somerset Classis to your reverend body to overture General Synod to ask the Board of Foreign Missions to reduce the expenses of its management,—would respectfully report as follows:

Item 1. Your committee met representatives of the Classis of Somerset and members of the Board of Foreign Missions for conference. After a careful consideration of complaints and explanations, we find that less money has been used for the general expenses of the board than at first appears.

Under the item of "General Expenses," \$2,639.73, are covered by steamer passage and traveling expenses of missionaries, Moore and Hoy, together with \$800, paid towards the erection of the chapel in Japan. The balance, including salaries of the secretary and treasurer, and \$900.00 paid for interest, brings the percentage of expenses as over against the receipts—down to 10 3-4 per cent.

Item 2. The one item of apparent unnecessary expense is the \$250, paid annually for "auditing," to Mr. J. K. Raudenbush.

Item 3. Because of these facts your committee begs to suggest that it would be unwise for this Synod to overture General Synod, as requested, and yet suggests the wisdom of urging the Board of Foreign Missions to bring the expenses

of the Board to as small a percentage of its receipts, as wisdom and economy would dictate.

Respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,
T. R. DIETZ, J. G. SCHUCKER,
. LOUIS P. GOERRIG, JOHN F. NALY.

**VII.—Resolution of Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions
Concerning Braddock.**

Under item 18, Standing Committee on Overtures, Monday evening, the following resolution was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Synod transferred to General Synod's Board of Home Missions, certain funds for the use of the Braddock Mission, to the amount of \$2,000,—owing to the fact that this is Synod's own money—and hanging over the struggling mission as a great discouragement, we hereby overture Synod to recommend that General Synod's Board forgive the debt.

D. A. SOUDERS, *President.*

ROBT. C. BOWLING, *Secretary.*

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I.—Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa., to June, 1898.

The Board of St. Paul's Orphan Home reported, Thursday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: We have nothing different to report concerning the general management of St. Paul's Orphan Home, from that of previous years. The discipline of the Home has been maintained, the children fed and clothed, the schools open for 10 months of the year, and Christian nurture and instruction constantly given; all under the superintendency of Dr. P. C. Prugh.

Thanks are due our Heavenly Father for the constant blessing and mercy shown in preserving the health and lives of the inmates of the Home, and in moving the hearts of His people to the support of the orphaned children there gathered.

At the date to which this report reaches, there were eighty-seven children in the Home, of whom 56 were church orphans, and 31 pay children—eighteen of these were received during the year, of whom two were returned to their mothers, and four, who had reached a proper age, were placed in suitable positions to earn a livelihood and become useful in life.

The domestic work of the Home is now done almost entirely by the orphans; those who have completed the school course receive pay, beginning with a small amount, which is gradually increased.

The larger boys are required to work in garden and farm. In the way of improvements, a larger water supply has been furnished, by laying 800 feet of 1 1-2 inch pipe, and connecting with the main of the Butler Water Co. The need of this increased water supply was pressing. Through the efforts of the inmates of the Home, and the aid of friends in Butler, a much needed organ was placed in the Chapel, and the proceeds of an entertainment given by the children, under the instruction of Miss Kinter, furnished 5 dozen church hymnals. A fire escape was also provided for the safety of the inmates.

The loss caused by the fire—amounting to \$469.25, was promptly paid by the insurance companies.

For your information we insert the report of the treasurer:

June, 1898. B. Wolf, Jr., in account with St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Dr.		
To cash from boarding children.....	\$3,019 52	
" " orphan friend	125 55	
" " " home day	435 00	
" " interest invested funds.....	440 14	
" " loan Mrs. E. E. Lindsay on note..	1,000 00	
" " fire loss	469 25	
" " estate Miss Lizzie Houtz, \$200, less		
State tax 10 per cent.....		3,899 13
To cash from churches, Sunday-schools and		
friends	3,899 13	
Balance due Treasurer	26 86	
		<hr/> \$9,618 45
Cr.		
Balance due from last statement.....	\$30 71	
Paid interest on loans.....	672 75	
" fire insurance	225 00	
" Rev. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent.....	8,682 99	
" C. R. Dieffenbacher's expenses to Potomac		
Synod	7 00	
		<hr/> \$9,618 45

The above report is absolutely correct, yet it is due this Synod to state that at our annual meeting, in June, there remained bills unpaid to the amount of about \$400, which will be an additional burden upon this fiscal year, or a permanent debt. Remembering the deficit of \$1,000, in 1897, for which a loan was made, the Board and Synod are confronted with a very serious financial question. This accumulation of debt, dare not continue. Can it be stopped? An *affirmative* answer only can be given.

If this Synod and all the friends of the Home bear the

orphan on their hearts to God in prayer, and exercise unwavering faith in His promises, the work will continue and enlarge. This faith will not cause inaction on our part, but will produce activities, for the guidance of which Synod has given utterance in asking our people to make offerings for this purpose at the Christmas festival and at the Children's Day service. All our Sunday-schools or churches, or nearly all, make contributions at Christmas, but we regret to say that comparatively few, remembered the orphans on Children's Day. We ask that Synod reiterate the action of last year, as to the offerings of Christmas and Children's Day.

If our Home is to do the work for which it was established—if this Synod would be faithful to God—then we are constrained to say that our pastors, congregations and Sunday-schools must do more in the future than has been done in the past. More interest must be shown and larger contributions made. Could our membership be induced to give 25 cents each annually to this worthy cause, our income from our own constituency would be more than doubled. We but appeal to the hearts of our people and look up in faith to Him, who has promised to be a father to the fatherless. We can but plead for more and larger contributions on Christmas and Children's Day, and hope that the reunions of our people in different parts of our Synod may be made a source of income to the Home.

In this connection it is proper to report that the Home treasury received material aid from the reunion at Conneaut Lake, August 4, and Idlewild, August 11.

The indebtedness of \$11,000 has become such an incumbrance upon the Home that we ask Synod to consider whether we ought not now devise some means to remove the whole indebtedness.

According to your instruction, the board fixed the term of office of the several members elected by the last Synod, as follows: For four years—Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. M. Conroy, and Rev. C. L. Alspach. For three years—Revs. J. N. Bauman, A. J. Heller and J. E. Kunkle, esq. For two years—Revs. A. M. Keifer, T. S. Land and P. Keil. For one year—B. Wolf, jr., and Revs. R. C. Bowling and S. T. Wagner. The term of the last three end with this meeting of Synod.

At the last meeting of the board, the Executive Committee was authorized to purchase 30 acres of land, immediately adjoining the Home property—if deemed advisable. However desirable it might be for the Home to own more landed estate, our financial condition and meagre income, forbid the consideration of this question at present.

It is with deep regret that we note the death, on July 17, of Mrs. Charlotte Prugh, wife of our superintendent. Her

labor of love among the orphans has ceased; but her memory will be enshrined in the hearts of hundreds, to whom she showed a mother's love.

Asking the earnest and serious consideration, upon the part of Synod, of the interest of this institution of Synod, this report is

Respectfully submitted,
C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, *President*.

II.—Report of Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions reported, Friday forenoon. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Literary Institutions, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions, would report as follows:

The board held a meeting on Oct. 6th, 1898, and was organized by the election of H. D. Darbaker, Pres., and R. F. Gass, Clerk.

The report of the President of the Board of Trustees of C. C. Institute, was the only matter that came before the board for consideration. From this report, the board learns the following:

1. The Academy at Rimersburg is still under the care of Prof. W. L. Smith, who is doing efficient work, notwithstanding the fact that there are many discouragements to be met. During the Summer term about 40 students were in attendance.

2. Some improvements were made on the building and grounds last year. At the last meeting of Classis, a movement was set on foot looking toward further improvement. The anticipated improvements when made will put the school property in fair condition.

3. We learn that Clarion Classis failed to confirm the action of the Board of Trustees with reference to the proposed unconditional transfer of the property to Pittsburgh Synod. The Classis, however, is willing to transfer the property to Synod, free of all encumbrance, and has authorized the Board of Trustees of said institution to effect the same, on condition that the Synod agrees to maintain the school in its present location. In view of the foregoing facts, your board does not see its way clear to recommend any action.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. GASS, *Secretary*.

III.—Report of Franklin and Marshall College.

Under item 2, of the Standing Committee on Overtures, Thursday, was read the report of the President of Franklin and

Marshall College. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

The members of the graduating class, fifty-six in number, as printed in the catalogue, having completed their course of study and successfully passed their final examinations, received the degree of A. B., from the Board of Trustees.

The following graduates of the college received the degree of A. M. in course: Rev. George P. Stem, class of '86, Edwin M. Hartman, class of '95, Thaddeus G. Helm, class of '95, and G. Frank Wetzel, class of '95.

Upon the recommendation of the Faculty and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the degree of B. D. was conferred on the Rev. Jonathan V. George.

The Rev. K. Otis Spessard, after the completion of a course of non-resident study, and approved examinations in the same, received the degree of Ph.D.

The degree of Ph.D., for meritorious work and scholastic attainments, was conferred upon Dr. George G. Groff, of Bucknell University, and Prof. Felix Schelling, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The degree of D.D., was conferred on the Revs. Jonathan H. Pannebecker, of Columbia, Pa., John F. De Long, of Bethlehem, Pa., and Allen R. Bartholomew, of Pottsville, Pa.

The condition of the college during the past year has been eminently satisfactory. The attendance has been unusually large, the enrollment, as given in the catalogue, including two graduates and thirteen special students, being 185, and the graduating class numbering 56, or 22 more than any other class in the history of the college, up to the present time. This, of course, was exceptional, and the number this year will be somewhat smaller. Fifty-one new students have been admitted to the college, and the actual attendance since the beginning of the present term, is one hundred and sixty. Two sad cases of death have occurred in the student body. Mr. Eugene Bobb, who was doing graduate work and rendering assistance in the Scientific Department, died of pneumonia on Friday, May 20. He was a promising young man, and his death called forth general sympathy and sorrow in the college community. At the beginning of the present year, Mr. Frank McCullough, a member of the Sophomore class, another bright and exemplary young man, passed away from our midst.

During the past year the Board of Trustees lost four of its members by death: The Hon. Harrison P. Laird, L.L. D., of the Pittsburgh Synod, Messrs. John. C. Hager, of Lancaster, and Charles Santee, of Philadelphia, of the Eastern Synod.

and the Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., of the Potomac Synod. The vacancies thus occasioned were filled, according to the provision of the charter by the Board of Trustees at its late meeting, by the appointment of John E. Kunkle, Esq., of Greensburg; Mr. W. H. Hager, of Lancaster; Mr. W. M. Hardt, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. A. S. Weber, of Baltimore. Since the beginning of the present year another vacancy has been caused by the death of Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., which it will also be the province of the board to fill in due time. The term of service of Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D., and John W. Bickel, Esq., expires this year and it will devolve upon the Eastern Synod to elect their successors.

Profs. A. V. Hiester and C. Nevin Heller, who had obtained leave of absence for the purpose of further study at Columbia and Cornell Universities, and whose places had been meanwhile acceptably filled by Messrs. S. W. Kerr and Ambrose Cort, have returned to the college and entered upon the discharge of the duties of their respective departments. Prof. Claude B. Davis last year gave a very successful course of instruction in elocution and oratory, and the college authorities were so fortunate as to secure his services again for the present year. It will be seen, therefore, that all the departments of instruction are filled by able, experienced, successful teachers.

The college is to be congratulated upon the completion of the new Watts de Peyster Library, and the opening of the same for the use of the college. Arrangements have been made to have the library and reading room open to professors and students every day except Sunday, morning, afternoon and evening, and thus the facilities afforded by these accessories to college work will be greatly increased and their value enhanced. The college Herbarium and the Museum of the Linnaean Society have been removed from the Academy to the main College building. Room has been made in this way for meeting the increased needs of the Academy, and greater facility is afforded for the use of these valuable adjuncts in the regular work of the college.

The present healthy and prosperous condition of the Academy is especially noteworthy and is by no means the least of the encouraging features which the college situation presents. The work of the last year was thoroughly satisfactory, and this year there is a large influx of new students. The excellent accommodations and the thorough instruction are having their natural effect, and the future of this institution, both in its own line of work and as a feeder of the college, is full of promise. There are now seventy-four or seventy-five students in attendance, and the large building is well filled.

It would be pleasant if the finances of the college could be spoken of with equal hope and confidence. In some respects there is room for congratulation. The invested funds of the college have been increased during the year from \$170,975 to \$174,350. The actual income and expenditure for the year also present a more favorable showing than was anticipated. There was a larger outlay for salaries than during the previous year, and there were extraordinary expenses connected with the removal of the library and the erection of the de Peyster statue. A deficit was, therefore expected. It is found that the expenditures were in excess of the receipts by \$1,941.04, with a few unpaid bills that came in too late to be included. A larger deficit was looked for, and the outcome affords a sense of relief.

But so far as the endowment of the college is concerned and the obtaining of means for the prosecution of its work on a scale commensurate with the opportunities and demands which the present condition of the college carries with it, the result of the past year's labor is far from satisfactory. It is true, the endowment has been somewhat increased, and the subscriptions toward the erection of the greatly needed scientific building have been accumulating. But while the financial secretary has been faithful, diligent and persistent, and has in many respects done excellent work, the result of his labors, in dollars and cents, is not even remotely what we had a right to expect. Time and again the door was shut against him, and he was not permitted to canvass the congregations of the synods, either because other interests seemed to preoccupy the ground, or because the times were not auspicious. It is to be hoped that this state of things will not continue. The college has earned for itself the good will and confidence of the church and secured the patronage of a large public. But good will and kindly feeling are not enough. To say: "Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled," will not feed the hungry or clothe the naked. So it is not enough to say: "The college ought to be endowed, I hope you will succeed." The situation demands action, prompt, vigorous action. Let the way be opened for an energetic canvass after due preparation in the different classes so that funds may be secured, whether in large or small amounts, to swell the endowment, and provide for the pressing needs of the hour. Let speedy provision be made for the erection of the Science building upon the coming of which the future prosperity of the college so largely depends, and let the endowment grow from year to year to keep abreast with the needs of larger classes and fuller courses of study. Either this must be done, or else the college must contract its operations and lose the vantage ground which it has gained by

earnest, patient labor and the signal blessing of a gracious and favoring Providence.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President F. & M. College.*

LANCASTER, Oct. 4, 1898.

IV.—Report of the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning reported Monday afternoon. The report was considered, item by item, the items severally and the report as a whole was adopted. It is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Institutions of Learning would report as follows. The documents referred to us were:

1. The report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.
2. The report of the President of F. and M. College, with catalogue and pamphlet of the college.
3. The report of Synod's Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.
4. The catalogue of Catawba College.

From the report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home we learn that the same diligent and careful oversight has been maintained in the affairs of the Home that has characterized the management in past years; that the Home is in good condition, and in all respects supplies the want of a well-regulated Christian home for the fatherless and needy. Attention is called to the debt of \$11,000 still resting on the property and the earnest hope is expressed by the board that steps may be taken to cancel this debt. The financial support given by the Church has been far from sufficient to meet the pressing needs of the home, and the board renews its urgent request for larger offerings.

From the documents relating to Franklin and Marshall College we learn that the college is in a most prosperous condition, having graduated the largest class in its history at the late commencement. The number of students on the roll for the past year was for the college proper 185, and for the Academy 86—a total of 271. The elegant new Watts de Peyster library has been completed and opened to the students and friends of the college.

From the report of the Trustees of Literary Institutions we learn that Clarion Collegiate Institute, at Rimersburg, has continued its work in the past year, though not under the most encouraging circumstances. This school is again offered

to Synod by Clarion Classis, but on materially different conditions from those on which it was first offered.

In view of all, we submit the following for adoption:

1. That we commend anew the interests of St. Paul's Orphans' Home to the prayers and liberality of our people, and ask that larger offerings be given to this very deserving and needy cause. That the classes be directed to bring this action to the attention of all the pastors and people in such a manner as shall bring about the largest possible income to the Home.

2. That the Christmas offerings, as heretofore, be devoted to this cause, and that the pastors be urged to, at this or some other suitable time, earnestly present this cause by sermon or otherwise, to their people.

3. That Synod reaffirms its action of last year, devoting the Children's Day offerings to St. Paul's Orphans' Home in addition to those of Christmas, and that the classes be urged to impress more deeply upon the Sunday-schools and congregations within their bounds the importance of carrying out this action fully.

4. That Synod approves of a plan looking to the formation of a ladies' Auxiliary Board for the Home to be composed of three from each classis, who shall, under the direction of the regular board, render such service in the interest of the Home as may be feasible.

5. That Synod has learned with sorrow of the death of Mrs. Charlotte Prugh, wife of the Superintendent of the Home, and extends its sincere sympathy to Dr. Prugh in this trial, and would hereby record its appreciation of the devotion and valuable service rendered by this good woman during the 16 years in which, together with her husband, she labored for the comfort and welfare of the children committed to the care of the Home.

6. That we rejoice in the highly prosperous condition of F. and M. College and Academy. That we commend this institution to the continued patronage of our people and the general public as affording the very best of facilities for obtaining a higher education. That we appreciate the need of the proposed new Scientific building, and sympathize with the management in the difficulties that have thus far stood in the way of meeting this want, and trust the way may now open up without further delay for the accomplishment of this much desired end.

7. While hoping for the continued and larger usefulness of Clarion Collegiate Institute, owing to the binding condition on which the ownership of this institution is offered to Synod by Clarion Classis, Synod does not deem it advisable at this time, to accept the same.

8. Synod is gratified to learn from the catalogue of Catwaba College that this institution is being maintained with vigor and success, though confronted with trials and difficulties, that a more promising future has opened for it, and commends it to the confidence and liberality of all who may in any way be able to contribute to its better success.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. LEADER, E. D. MEIXELL,
A. K. KLINE, J. M. CONROY.

V.—Report of the Permanent Committee on Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College.

The Permanent Committee on Increased Endowment reported Monday evening. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee appointed to aid in the endowment work of F. and M. College beg leave to submit the following for your consideration:

The action recommended by your committee and adopted by Synod last year was that the agent should be admitted to the charges of Synod to present the claims of the college to the people; that pastors shall preach sermons on the cause of the college.

Whether or not the second recommendation was carried out by the pastors, your committee has no means of knowing, but as to the first we have learned that nothing has thus far been accomplished by presenting the matter to the people.

We offer the following for adoption: Resolved, That the agent of the college be and hereby is invited to visit the congregations of Synod to present the claims of our college and canvass for funds.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
A. J. HELLER, A. M. KEIFER,
D. A. SOUDERS, U. O. H. KERSCHNER.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

I.—Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The Board of Beneficiary Education reported Thursday afternoon. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Education, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your board respectfully reports that

during the past year they have endeavored to discharge the duties committed to them according to their best ability and judgment.

Due regard and attention has been given to the rules and requirements made by Synod for our guidance in conducting the affairs of the board, and as far as possible a watchful care as to the conduct and diligence of the students has been exercised. We are glad to report, that no complaints can be made against any of those under our care.

Ten students have been under our supervision during the whole or part of the past year, nine of whom received financial assistance. E. E. Embhoff supported himself, and together with W. D. Stoyer, completed the theological course of study, and both are now engaged in the active duties of the ministry. Two are seniors in the seminary and one a junior; the others are pursuing the classical course. The policy and practice of the board is to decline pecuniary aid to those unprepared to enter college although in exceptional cases small appropriations have been made.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance in Treasury at last statement.....	\$12 01
Received from Treasurer of Synod.....	1,040 00
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	\$1,052 01
Amount expended	1,052 00
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Balance in Treasury.....	01

The term of office of Rev. J. F. Snyder expires with this meeting of Synod.

To carry on the work during the coming year we ask Synod to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200).

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, *President of the Board.*

ST. PETERSBURG, PA., Oct. 6, 1898.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education reported on Saturday afternoon. The sum recommended by the committee was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

The only document referred to your committee was the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education of our own body.

This report will be printed in the minutes of your Synod and hence needs no explanation at the hands of your committee. We need but to call your attention to the fact that the term of office of Rev. J. F. Snyder expires with this meeting of Synod, and to recommend that the sum of twelve hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of the Beneficiary cause.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,

J. M. EVANS, O. S. MARSHALL,
J. N. BAUMAN, JOSIAH FILLMAN.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

I.—Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Under item 10 of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of the Publication Board. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, and is as follows:

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: With the close of the second year of its history in managing the publications for your exclusive benefit, the board is able to present some facts and figures of sufficient comparative value to draw inferences for the future. These are commended to your scrutiny and deliberation.

Under Exhibits A and B, appended to this report, giving respectively the items of receipts and expenditures and the assets and liabilities, you will be able to note the scope and results of the work for the year ending June 30th, 1898.

After deducting from the receipts of 1897 the \$4,200 advanced by the treasurer for working capital, the cash receipts for 1898 show an increase of \$1,337.78 over those of 1897. The expenditures for 1898 as compared with 1897 show a decrease of \$1,305.19.

In arriving at the assets (Exhibit B) the same conservative methods were pursued which the board adopted as set forth in last year's report, and should in its opinion present a reasonably accurate estimate of their value. You will note in the liabilities that unpaid bills constitute an unimportant item, the business manager having adhered strictly to the instructions given by the board to pay all bills at the end of each month. It is the hope and expectation of the board to maintain this method of conducting the business. To accomplish this, however, it is imperative that the obligations contracted by its patrons should be promptly and fully paid, and to this end the

timely aid and voice of the Synods and its individual members are solicited.

How serious this laxity in payment has become and how it may menace the solvency of your house is evidenced by the increasing sums due for subscriptions to the "Messenger." After two years of publishing, the amount thus owing is \$5,912.16 (Exhibit B gives it as \$4,434.12, being 75 per cent. of the amount actually due), an increase of \$1,993.99 during the past year. During these same two years it has cost the board to edit and publish the "Messenger" \$18,488.84, whilst the total cash receipts from that source for the same period have been \$16,900.56, being \$1,588.28 excess of expenditures over receipts. You are able to appreciate therefore the danger to be apprehended from the neglect of its patrons in meeting these debts.

If the board had in hand the \$5,912.16 due for subscriptions, contemplated improvements in the editorial and publishing departments could be inaugurated, but until these debts are paid all hope for improvement, enlargement or reduction in price must remain in abeyance.

In this connection, and with the expectation of increasing the subscription list as well as facilitating collections, the board has engaged the services of a general agent, Rev. John N. Naly, at a fixed salary and expenses, who will visit each of the Synods and systematically labor in behalf of the "Messenger" and the other interests of the Publication House. The board commends him to your cordial reception and favor.

The other items in Exhibits A and B call for little comment as they show a reasonably stable and sound condition, and it only remains to emphasize that which the figures clearly demonstrate, namely, success and prosperity can only be secured and maintained through your active aid and support and through the prompt settlement of bills due for subscriptions and purchases.

Exhibit C shows the Treasurer's report as submitted to the board at its last meeting, September 15th, 1898. By reference to his report for the previous year you will find included two notes of C. G. Fisher aggregating \$950 and bonus due from Fisher estate for \$900, both marked allowed by the court. These claims have been finally settled and paid by the receipt of the net sum of \$391.45 as shown in the report, representing the pro rata distribution to the creditors, less charges for attorney's fees and expenses. The board regrets to report its inability to collect anything from the Fisher estate on the claim of \$3,541.06 advance subscriptions received by said estate for the "Messenger." The claim was duly presented and argued before the court, but the judge ruled in substance that the Pub-

lication Board was not obligated in law to furnish the paper to any subscriber who had paid the Fisher estate for it, and hence there could be no claim for any such voluntary act.

The board at its last meeting passed a resolution appointing a committee to present to your reverend bodies a statement of the relations existing between this and the Sunday-school Board. It is not necessary to enlarge this report with any further reference to this subject.

Referring to the "Messenger" in its editorial department the board begs to quote, with its endorsement, the report of the editor-in-chief:

"During the year closing with July 1, 1898, the *Reformed Church Messenger* has been issued regularly each week. One year ago we had considerable trouble in having the paper issued promptly and regularly on Thursday. Notwithstanding untiring efforts on our part we failed to do this, until we insisted upon having a new foreman at the printing office. Our request being granted, the paper at once began to appear on time, and has done so each week since then. We have succeeded in improving the appearance of the paper by removing the rules between the columns and at the top of the pages, by changing the sub-heads, and the general arrangement of the smaller contributions. By the last improvement considerable space has been saved, and the *Messenger* during the last year has contained more matter than during the two years previous. From such reports as have come to us, we are glad to state that the *Messenger* has been growing in favor with our people. During the coming year we shall endeavor to make the paper still more interesting. We expect to receive more News Items and more original contributions, without increasing the item of expense. The amount expended for editing the *Messenger* during the last year has been kept within the limit laid down by the Board.

"The Editor will be pleased to receive any suggestions that the Board may see fit to make."

The attention of the Synods is called to the expiration in January, 1899, of the terms of the following members of this board: G. S. Griffith, Potomac Synod, and E. J. Durban, Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

EXHIBIT A.

Business Manager's Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 1898:

Cash on hand as per last statement.....	\$1,568 61
" advanced by J. T. Reber, Treasurer	400 00
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR.	
For <i>Messenger</i>	\$9,001 88
" <i>Review</i>	551 04
" Book Department	8,052 97
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	17,605 89
Total amount for the year.....	\$19,574 50

EXPENDITURES.

For <i>Messenger</i>	\$10,296 82	
" <i>Review</i>	663 87	
" Book Department	6,633 62	
	<hr/>	17,594 31
Balance cash on hand June 30, 1898.....		\$1,980 19

EXHIBIT B.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand June 30, 1898.....	\$1,980 19	
Invoice of stock on hand.....	4,088 66	
Due on accounts in Book Store.....	1,195 56	
" from subscribers to <i>Messenger</i>	4,434 12	
" on advertising in <i>Messenger</i>	510 00	
" from subscribers to <i>Review</i>	240 30	
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Total assets		\$12,448 83

LIABILITIES.

Profits of last year.....	\$1,820 12	
Money advanced by J. T. Reber, Treasurer....	6,997 25	
Advance subscriptions on <i>Messenger</i>	2,250 42	
" " " <i>Review</i>	134 85	
Bills payable	140 26	
Salaries due contributors to <i>Messenger</i>	104 50	
Office salaries	34 66	
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Total liabilities		11,482 06
Balance profit and loss.....		\$966 77

EXHIBIT C.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1897.	On account St. Thomas Congregation Loan	\$200 00	
Oct. 1.	Interest Deeter Mortgage.....	25 00	
Oct. 8.	Proceeds on claim of \$950 against Fisher estate, per J. A. Reed, Attorney	209 56	
Oct. 8.	Interest on mortgage, Masillon, Ohio	50 00	
Oct. 8.	" " " Youngstown, O.	50 00	
1898.	Mar. 29. Interest on Blosser judgment.....	12 00	
	Mar. 29. Rental Sunday-school Board.....	937 50	
	Mar. 29. Interest on Deeter mortgage.....	25 00	
	Mar. 29. Proceeds on claim against Fisher estate, per A. W. Bomberger, Attorney	141 80	
	Mar. 29. Final dividend Fisher estate.....	40 09	
	Mar. 29. Received on account St. Thomas Church Loan	100 00	
	Mar. 29. Interest on St. Thomas Church Loan	85 91	
		<hr/>	\$1,876 86

tate for the "Messenger." But these losses cannot occur again.

It is to be regretted that the board has not been able to reduce the business to a cash basis. The amount of \$5,912.16 is due on subscriptions to the "Messenger," which is an increase of nearly \$2,000 over that of the last year. If this condition should continue, it would very seriously embarrass the work of the board and endanger its solvency. Consequently, we urge the classes to use all proper efforts to have their people co-operate with the Publication Board in its endeavors to place its business upon a cash basis.

From the second paper we learn that the Publication Board feels that the relation between itself and the publishing department of the Sunday-school Board in their practical operations have not been entirely satisfactory. The paper presents certain grievances which we do not deem it necessary or expedient to particularize.

Your committee, after hearing the statements of the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, of a member of the Publication Board and of the Business Manager, are of the opinion that it would be well for the two boards to meet in joint conference for the purpose of canvassing the differences existing between them, and of adjusting them in an amicable and satisfactory way, and we so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER,

D. N. HARNISH, E. CRUM,

S. B. MASE, W. G. KING.

III.—Unification of Publication Interests.

The following resolution was adopted on Monday evening: Resolved, That the Board of Publication be hereby authorized to meet a committee from the Ohio Synod to confer concerning the unification of our publication interests.

IV.—Publication of Minutes.

On Monday evening the Stated Clerk was instructed to publish 2,000 copies of the proceedings of this meeting of Synod and distribute them in the usual manner.

ARTICLE XVIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

All vacancies occurring in the boards were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. On Friday afternoon this committee reported to Synod a double set of candidates. The report was adopted and the committee was instructed to have ballots printed for the use of Synod, and the election was

made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The President on Wednesday evening appointed the following tellers: Rev. E. S. Hassler, D. N. Harnish, A. M. Schaffner, Elders J. E. Kunkel and John F. Naly.

At the election Monday Elder Kunkel was absent and Rev. Harnish being a candidate, Rev. D. E. Master and Elder W. A. Bowling were appointed in their places. The election was held and resulted as follows:

Trustee of Synod, Elder J. F. Anthony; *Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Rev. R. C. Bowling, Rev. S. T. Wagner and B. Wolf, Jr.; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D., and Rev. J. F. Snyder; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. J. F. Snyder; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. Geo. E. Limbert; *Sunday-school Board*, Rev. D. N. Harnish.

BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

I.—Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Elder J. F. Anthony; *for four years*, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for three years*, Elder John Reimold; *for two years*, Elder W. G. King; *for one year*, Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D.

II.—Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, B. Wolf, Jr., Revs. R. C. Bowling and S. T. Wagner; *for three years*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., C. L. Alspach and Elder J. M. Conroy; *for two years*, Revs. J. N. Bauman, A. J. Heller, D.D., and Elder J. E. Kunkel, Esq.; *for one year*, Revs. A. M. Keifer, T. S. Land and Elder Peter Keil.

III.—Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., and J. F. Snyder; *for two years*, Revs. R. F. Gass and H. D. Darbaker; *for one year*, Revs. J. F. Wiant and D. H. Leader.

IV.—Board of Beneficiary Education.

For five years, Rev. J. F. Snyder; *for four years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; *for three years*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *for two years*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; *for one year*, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D.

V.—Board of Home Missions.

For five years, Rev. Geo. E. Limbert; *for four years*, Rev. R. C. Bowling; *for three years*, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for two years*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *for one year*, Rev. D. A. Soud-

VI.—Sunday School Board.

For five years, Rev. D. N. Harnish; *for four years*, Hon. J. C. Weller; *for three years*, Rev. A. M. Keifer; *for two years*, Rev. J. N. Naly; *for one year*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell.

VII.—Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

*For eight years, J. T. Hamilton; for six years, B. Wolf, Jr.; for three years, *J. E. Kunkel, Esq.*

VIII.—Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, October, 1898.

EASTERN SYNOD.—*For six years:* John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; John W. Apple and John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa. *For four years:* George G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa.; Hon. Jeremiah Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; Geo. Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa. *For two years:* J. Y. Dietz, Philadelphia, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD.—*For six years:* Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Md.; Frank Geise, ————. *For four years:* Israel Loucks, York, Pa.; S. Nevin Hench, York, Pa. *For two years:* George N. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; Edgar Slagel, Hanover, Pa.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.—*For five years:* P. Kiel, Pittsburgh, Pa. *For three years:* W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa. *For one year:* C. W. Truxal, Myersdale, Pa.

IX.—Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary, October, 1898.

EASTERN SYNOD.—*For four years:* Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Easton, Pa.; Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa. *For two years:* Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, D.D., Annville, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D., Easton, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD.—*For four years:* Rev. J. S. Keiffer, D.D., Hagerstown, Pa.; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Chambersburg, Pa.; Rev. N. H. Skyles, Woodstock, Va. *For two years:* Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.—*For three years:* Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D., Berlin, Pa. *For one year:* Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Greensburg, Pa.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

I.—Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his annual report on Thursday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for auditing, and is as follows:

*Appointed by the Board to fill the unexpired term of the late Hon. H. P. Laird.

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod.

A. J. HELLER, in account with PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Dr.

		To cash on hand and reported to Pittsburgh Synod October 7, 1897, four hundred and forty-six dollars and forty-one cents.....	\$446 41	
		To be disbursed as follows:		
		Apportionment Fund	\$426 41	
		Foreign Missions	20 00	
			<hr/>	\$446 41
1897.				
Dec.	8.	Received of Charles H. Lefevre.....	\$22 97	
1898.				
Mar.	8.	" " " "	26 15	
			<hr/>	\$49 12
1897.				
Nov.	24.	Received of Dr. D. S. Fouse, per receipt of J. T. Reber, amount of Synodical collection..	\$24 42	

Westmoreland Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1897.						
Nov.	5.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treas.	\$333 00			
Dec.	15.	" " " " " "	316 63			
1898.						
Jan.	21.	" " " " " "	211 80			
Feb.	16.	" " " " " "	114 81			
Apr.	16.	" " " " " "	250 00			
May	19.	" " " " " "	375 00			
June	30.	" " " " " "	325 00			
Aug.	20.	" " " " " "	248 57			
Aug.	30.	" " " " " "	125 19			
Sept.	30.	" " " " " "	200 00			
			<hr/>			\$2,500 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1897.						
Nov.	5.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treas.	\$79 98			
Dec.		" " " " " "	29 61			
1898.						
Jan.		" " " " " "	30 28			
Feb.		" " " " " "	22 13			
Mar.		" 2d Refd. S. S., Greensburg, Pa.	10 00			
Apr.		Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treas.	103 56			
May		" " " " " "	331 88			
Aug.		" " " " " "	17 79			
Sept.		" " " " " "	167 45			
			<hr/>			\$792 68
		Kaneko Memorial	\$159 86			
		Schlatter Memorial	15 00			
		Industrial Home	6 00			
		Relief of Home Mission Board....	198 46			
			<hr/>			\$379 32
		Apportionment for home purposes	\$2,300 00			
		Received on the same.....	2,500 00			
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		Overpaid	\$200 00			

Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....	\$710 00
Received on the same.....	792 68
Overpaid	<u>\$82 68</u>

Clarion Classis.

1897.		ON APPORTIONMENT.					
Oct.	11.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treas.					\$ 47 00
Nov.	22.	" " " " "					200 00
1898.							
Jan.	13.	" " " " "					100 00
Apr.	13.	" " " " "					350 00
Apr.	16.	" " " " "					241 00
June	9.	" " " " "					250 00
Sept.	15.	" " " " "					125 00
Sept.	24.	" " " " "					125 00
Oct.	3.	" " " " "					150 00
							<u>\$1,588 00</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Apr.	16.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treas.					\$ 59 03
June	9.	" " " " "					184 07
							<u>\$243 10</u>
							Relief of Home Mission Board.... \$108 21
							Schlatter Memorial 13 00
							<u>\$121 21</u>
							Apportionment for home purposes. \$1,774 00
							Received on the same..... 1,588 00
							<u>Deficit \$186 00</u>
							Apportionment for Foreign Missions..... \$555 00
							Received on the same..... 243 10
							<u>Deficit \$311 90</u>

St. Paul's Classis.

1897.		ON APPORTIONMENT.					
Nov.	16.	Received of C. M. Boush, Esq., Treas.					\$ 25 05
Dec.	23.	" " " " "					150 00
1898.							
Jan.	22.	" " " " "					151 30
Jan.	26.	" " " " "					56 00
Feb.	■	" " " " "					66 51
Apr.	25.	" " " " "					163 82
July	18.	" " " " "					234 18
							<u>\$846 86</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

May	16.	Received of C. M. Boush, Esq., Treas.					\$60 42
June	7.	" " " " "					92 56
June	17.	" " " " "					12 82
June	20.	" " " " "					10 00
							<u>\$175 80</u>
							Relief of Home Mission Board..... \$26 50
							Apportionment for home purposes. \$1,355 00
							Received on the same..... 846 86
							<u>Deficit \$508 14</u>
							Apportionment for Foreign Missions..... \$385 00
							Received on the same..... 175 80
							<u>Deficit \$209 20</u>

Somerset Classis.

1897. ON APPORTIONMENT.					
Nov. 11.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treas.				\$150 00
Dec. 15.	" " " " "				150 00
1898.					
Feb. 19.	" " " " "				100 00
Mar. 24.	" " " " "				125 00
Apr. 28.	" " " " "				200 00
May 18.	" " " " "				500 00
July 27.	" " " " "				100 00
Sept. 30.	" " " " "				442 00
					<hr/> \$1,767 00
1897. FOREIGN MISSIONS.					
Nov. 11.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treas.				\$19 00
1898.					
Feb. 19.	" " " " "				24 25
Apr. 28.	" " " " "				46 20
May 18.	" " " " "				26 49
July 27.	" " " " "				26 54
Oct. 30.	" " " " "				21 02
					<hr/> \$163 50
Relief of Home Mission Board....				\$120 74	
Reimbursement of Rev. W. E. Hoy				50 00	
					<hr/> \$170 74
Apportionment for home purposes.				\$1,767 00	
Received on the same.....				1,767 00	
					<hr/>
Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....					\$550 00
Received on the same.....					163 50
					<hr/>
Deficit					\$386 50

Allegheny Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.					
1897.					
Oct. 29.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer				\$ 45 51
1898.					
Jan. 19.	" " " " "				308 90
Mar. 10.	" " " " "				100 00
Mar. 10.	" " " " "				21 25
Apr. 18.	" " " " "				34 24
Apr. 24.	" " " " "				186 54
May 20.	" " " " "				298 67
Sept. 7.	" " " " "				29 93
					<hr/> \$1,025 04
FOREIGN MISSIONS.					
1898.					
Feb. 5.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer				\$10 00
Mar. 10.	" " " " "				56 64
Apr. 18.	" " " " "				29 86
Apr. 24.	" " " " "				40 00
May 2.	" " " " "				167 56
					<hr/> \$304 06
Relief of Home Mission Board....				\$49 01	
Orphan Home				44 16	
Sunday-school Board				5 00	
Ministerial Aid				4 87	

Kaneko Memorial	5 00	
For St. Louis church.....	41 75	
		<u>\$149 79</u>
Apportionment for home purposes	\$1,194 00	
Received on the same.....	1,025 04	
		<u>\$168 96</u>
Deficit	\$168 96	
Apportionment for Foreign Missions.....		\$400 00
Received on the same.....		304 06
		<u>\$95 94</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.			
Oct. 11.	Paid Rev. D. H. Leader, for ballots...	\$ 1 50	
Oct. 11.	" Rev. C. L. Alspach, expenses of meeting	25 00	
Oct. 11.	Paid Rev. D. A. Souders, expenses of Synod's Board of Missions.....	19 08	
Dec. 8.	Paid Rev. R. C. Bowling, expense of printing and distributing circular letter	16 50	
Dec. 13.	Paid Reformed Church Publication Board for printing Minutes of Synod	123 70	
Dec. 18.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, salary as stated clerk	75 00	
1898.			
Jan. 1.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley for distribution of Minutes.....	40 33	
Jan. 22.	Paid Dr. A. E. Truxal, traveling expenses to meeting of Synod's Board of Missions.....	5 40	
Jan. 22.	Paid Rev. A. M. Kifer, traveling expenses to meeting of Synod's Board of Missions.....	3 60	
Jan. 22.	Paid Rev. D. A. Souders, traveling expenses to meeting of Synod's Board of Missions.....	1 30	
May 16.	Paid Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, expenses to Board of Visitors, Lancaster, Pa.	8 87	
May 20.	Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer, for contingent fund of General Synod..	100 00	
June 1.	Paid Dr. A. R. Kremer, expenses to Board of Visitors, Lancaster, Pa.	14 00	
Sept. 21.	Paid for stationery, postage and revenue stamps	3 60	
Sept. 21.	Paid salary of Treasurer.....	50 00	
Sept. 27.	" Dr. A. R. Kremer, expenses to Board of Visitors, Lancaster, Pa.	13 00	
			<u>\$500 88</u>

Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

1897.		
Dec. 20.	Paid Prof. William Rupp, D.D., contingent expenses	\$50 00
1898.		
Apr. 20.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for Teach	

	er in Elocution.....	75 00	
May. 20.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, contingent expenses	100 00	
			\$225 00

To Ministerial Relief.

1897.			
Dec. 20.	Paid Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer	\$200 00	
1898.			
Apr. 20.	" " "	200 00	
Sept. 20.	" " "	4 87	
			\$404 87

To Beneficiary Education.

1897.			
Dec. 1.	Paid Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer	\$400 00	
1898.			
Mar. 14.	" " "	325 00	
Apr. 30.	" " "	315 00	
			\$1,040 00

To Church Extension.

1897.			
Dec. 20.	Paid C. M. Boush, Treasurer.....	\$200 00	
1898.			
Jan. 18.	" " "	66 00	
Jan. 28.	" " "	170 00	
May 23.	" " "	300 00	
June 28.	" " "	34 00	
			\$770 00

To Schlatter Memorial.

1898.			
Feb. 2.	Paid S. M. Boush, Treasurer.....	\$15 00	
May 23.	" " "	13 00	
			\$28 00

To Home Missions.

1897.			
Oct. 22.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$ 79 80	
Nov. 5.	" " "	333 00	
Nov. 27.	" " "	24 42	
Dec. 20.	" " "	162 78	
1898.			
Jan. 18.	" " "	34 00	
Jan. 25.	" " "	521 50	
Mar. 31.	" " "	200 00	
Apr. 20.	" " "	500 00	
Apr. 25.	" " "	163 82	
Apr. 28.	" " "	200 00	
May 23.	" " "	378 34	
June 28.	" " "	325 34	
July 5.	" " "	325 00	
July 18.	" " "	109 18	
July 30.	" " "	126 54	
Aug. 20.	" " "	248 57	
Sept. 15.	" " "	125 00	
Sept. 24.	" " "	125 00	
Sept. 30.	" " "	67 71	
Oct. 1.	" " "	450 00	
			\$4,500 00

Relief of Home Mission Board.

1897.	Dec. 20.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$269 26
1898.	Jan. 7.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	26 50
	Jan. 18.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	66 00
	Jan. 25.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	19 50
	May 23.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	121 66
			<u>\$502 92</u>

To Hungarian Missions.

1898.					
Jan.	7.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$100	00	
Apr.	20.	" " "	100	00	
July	18.	" " "	125	00	
Oct.	1.	" " "	125	00	
				<hr/>	\$450 00

To Harbor Mission.

Dec.	20.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$35 00
May	18.	" " "	55 00
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			\$90 00

To Foreign Missions.

GENERAL FUND.

1897.					
Oct.	22.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer....			\$20 00
Nov.	5.	" " " "			79 98
Dec.	20.	" " " "			38 61
1898.					
Jan.	25.	" " " "			30 28
Mar.	10.	" " " "			81 38
Apr.	20.	" " " "			172 45
May	8.	" " " "			88 39
May	20.	" " " "			10 00
May	23.	" " " "			504 16
June	7.	" " " "			33 07
June	7.	" " " "			29 49
June	17.	" " " "			196 89
Aug.	31.	" " " "			39 33
Sept.	13.	" " " "			167 45
					<u>\$1,491 48</u>

To Support of Rev. H. K. Miller.

1898.						
Jan.	3.	Paid	J. L. Lemberger,	Treasurer....	\$10	00
Mar.	25.	"	"	" "	15	00
May	23.	"	"	" "	70	00
June	7.	"	"	" "	20	00
June	20.	"	"	" "	10	00
Aug.	31.	"	"	" "	5	00
						\$130 00

To Support of Rev. S. S. Snyder.

1898.					
Mar.	25.	Paid	J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer...		
May	23.	"	"	"	...
June	7.	"	"	"	...

Kusko Memorial.

1898.						
Jan.	3.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer....	\$29	61		
Feb.	2.	" " " "	11	00		
Mar.	25.	" " " "	14	00		
May	23.	" " " "	110	25		
Mar.	25.	" " " " for Industrial Home			\$164	86
June	18.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer, for reim- bursement of Rev. Hoy			6	00
					50	00

St. Paul's Orphan Home.

1897.					
Dec. 27.	Paid B. Wolff, Jr., Treasurer.....		27	00	
1898.					
June 27.	" " " "		17	16	
					\$44 16
June 20.	Paid Dr. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer, for Genl. Synod's S. S. Board				\$ 3 00
Sept. 29.	" Rev. J. C. Horning, for St. Louis Church..				41 75
	Total receipts	\$10,773	55		
	Total Disbursements	10,501	56		
	Cash on hand.....				\$271 99
	To be disbursed as follows:				
	Apportionment Fund	\$250	97		
	Foreign Missions	21	02		
					\$271 99

In compliance with Synod's instructions, I append the report of Mrs. D. E. Albert, Treasurer of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of Pittsburgh Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER.

II.—Report of the Treasurer of the W. M. S. of Pittsburgh Synod.

To Rev. A. J. Heller, Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with the resolution of your Synod, I herewith submit to you a report of the following monies received by me and the amounts paid to the different benevolent objects as treasurer of the "Women's Synodical Missionary Society," of Pittsburgh Synod, during the year ending September 5th, 1898.

Mrs. D. E. ALBERT, *Treasurer.*

LATROBE, PA., Sept. 10th, 1898.

To amount received from Treasurers of the different Classical Societies of Pittsburgh Synod, from Oct. 13, 1897, to Sept. 5, 1898, as follows:

For Girls' School	\$829 09
" Home Missions	437 52
" Mrs. Schneider's Building Fund.....	25 00

For Butler Orphan Home	10 00	
" Foreign Missions	71 57	
" Woman's Journal Fund	8 50	
" Kas. City Mission	3 00	\$1,384 68

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By amount paid Mrs. Nettie Anthony, Treas. G. Synod Miss. Soc.:		
For Girls' School	\$829 09	
" Home Missions	437 52	
" Schneider's Build. Fund	25 00	
" Butler Home	10 00	
" Foreign Missions	71 57	
" Woman's Journal	8 50	
" Kas. City Mission	3 00	\$1,384 68

Society also contributed the sum of \$26.54 (a special collection taken at meeting at Butler, Pa.) to Mrs. Schneider's Building Fund in addition to amount stated above or—to \$51.54.

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance reported Monday evening, and the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee of Finance offers the following report:

We have carefully audited the Treasurer's account and find it correct, with a balance in hand of \$271.99.

We note the following standing of classes:

Synodical Apportionment.

Westmoreland, (overpaid)	\$200 00
Clarion, (in arrears)	186 00
St. Paul's, (in arrears)	508 14
Somerset, (paid in full)	
Allegheny, (in arrears)	168 96

Tentative Apportionment.

Westmoreland, (over-paid)	\$ 82 68
Clarion, (in arrears)	311 90
St. Paul's, (in arrears)	209 20
Somerset, (in arrears)	346 50
Allegheny, (in arrears)	95 94

Item 1. The following items have been referred to the committee for apportionment:

Home Missions	\$4,100 00
Beneficiary Education	1,200 00
Church Extension	1,000 00
Harbor Mission	75 00
Hungarian Missions	500 00
Ministerial Relief	600 00
Contingent Fund Theological Sem.	150 00
Interest on Loan for Turtle Creek Mission, ...	200 00
Elocution	100 00
Contingent Expenses	900 00

\$8,725 00

Item 2. To meet the foregoing we recommend the following apportionments:

Westmoreland Classis	\$2,345 00
Clarion Classis	1,797 00
St. Paul's Classis	1,375 00
Somerset Classis	1,794 00
Allegheny Classis	1,300 00
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	\$8,611 00

Item 3. For Foreign Missions we apportion as follows:

Westmoreland Classis	701 00
Clarion Classis	525 00
St. Paul's Classis	385 00
Somerset Classis	536 00
Allegheny Classis	453 00
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	\$2,600 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. BOWLING,

D. SNIDER STEPHAN,

J. F. KERLIN,

JNO. E. KUNKEL,

JNO. F. ANTHONY.

IV.—Instructions to Treasurer.

The Treasurer, on Monday evening, was instructed to pay the pastor loci, Rev. U. O. H. Kerchner, the sum of \$10 to defray incidental expenses.

ARTICLE XX.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting and called up by the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, reported on Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Since the last meeting of Synod one of our number has passed from the active duties of this life to try that of another.

In the death of Rev. Frank Ferenczi, Hungarian missionary, at Pittsburgh, Allegheny Classis, the Synod and Church lost one of her most faithful and worthy ministers.

He was born in Northern Hungary forty-seven years ago, educated in Reformed institutions for the Church ministry, and licensed in that country to preach the Gospel.

About five years ago, at the call of the Board of Home

Missions in the General Synod, he came to this country and became a missionary among the Hungarians, and located at Pittsburgh, Pa. In Grace Church, that city, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry by a committee of Allegheny Classis consisting of Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., and John Kovacs.

He became a most efficient pastor, a thorough organizer and he was greatly beloved by his people. His sudden death, occurring on June 8th, 1898, cast a great cloud of sorrow over his flock, and from their sad loss they have not yet recovered.

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. DARBAKER,
H. I. CROW, P. WINGARD.

ARTICLE XXI.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I.—Report of Pittsburgh Synod's Sunday School Board.

The Sunday-school Board of Synod reported Thursday afternoon. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Sunday-school Board respectfully offers the following report. A meeting was held at the close of the last meeting of Synod at which time the old officers were re-elected and the board duly organized. Another meeting was held in this Church on Wednesday afternoon, October 5, when a conference was held with members of the Sunday-school committees of classes and the Secretary of General Synod's Board. It is with pleasure that we note improvement in the matter of gathering complete and correct Sunday-school statistics, and that annual Sunday-school conventions are now held in all the classes of Synod. We heartily commend the Board of General Synod and the different classical committees for the good and faithful work they are doing.

In view of the fact that the Sunday-school Board of General Synod has inaugurated a movement looking forward to a large increase of membership in all the Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church, known as the "Twentieth Century Movement," we hereby express our unqualified approval of this progressive step, and earnestly recommend this Synod to urge the several classes and through them the classical committees on Sunday-schools and pastors and superintendents to put forth their best efforts to make possible the attainment of the high mark set before us.

The term of Rev. D. N. Harnish as member of the board expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER, *President*.

D. N. HARNISH, *Secretary*.

II.—Report of General Synod's Sunday School Board.

Under item 6 of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of General Synod's Sunday-school Board. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Missions, and is as follows:

READING, PA., September 27, 1898.

To the District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is with thankfulness to God that we report a year of prosperity in the general Sunday-school work of the church.

As to statistics, it is to be regretted that whilst the reports for some classes have been models of fulness and accuracy, in other classes they have been quite imperfect. Figures of last year have been used, and in one case the figures of two years ago, as it was impossible to obtain reports from some Classes. In several Classes, where a number of Union Schools exist, the Classical Committee, by diligent work, have been able to furnish almost perfect reports. The defective reports, of course, vitiate the whole statistics. This is to be kept in mind in reviewing the tabulated results. The present enrollment is at least as follows: Number of schools, 1566; number of officers and teachers, 24,770; number of scholars, 182,134; officers, teachers and scholars, 206,904.

The Sunday-school mission work has not increased, except in aiding a larger number of schools with grants of literature. This is owing to the fact that the board is keeping rigidly within its income, and therefore is unable to do all that Classes and the Board of Home Missions request. The following is an abstract of the report of the treasurer of the Sunday-school and Missionary Department:

Abstract of Report of the Treasurer of the Sunday School Board, for the Year Ending April 20, 1898.

COLUMBIANA, OHIO, April 20, 1898.

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To cash brought forward.....	\$ 988 37	
To receipts	2,843 85	\$3,832 22

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By payment on Rev. R. W. Miller's salary.....	\$499 98	
By expenditures through General Secretary's Office—this includes \$428.68 Student Band Account; \$92.75 Traveling expenses—Office expenses including purchase of leaflets, Home Department Requisites, supplies to be sold, etc.	857 63	
By Expenditures through Treasurer's Office, i. e., \$1,000 grants of literature, including \$400. for previous year—Salaries of Sunday School Missionaries—Loan of \$300. paid back, etc.	2,442 92	\$3,800 53
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Balance in treasury.....	\$31 69	
Approximate Children's Day Receipts.....		\$2,100 00
Approximate amount expended for Missionary Department —not including grants of literature.....		\$1,400 00

NOTE.—The above is the financial exhibit of the Sunday-school and Missionary Department, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D.D., treasurer, whose funds are kept separate from the publication department, as they are offerings of schools for Sunday-school Missionary work, given mainly, on Children's Day.

The gain in circulation of our Sunday-school literature has been gratifying. The total circulation of our periodicals, now exceeds, by sixty per cent., the combined circulation, East and West, when the board began its publication operations two years ago. The circulation of Lesson Helps, Quarterly, Eastern House, in July, 1896, was 86,000 copies; Western House, 34,000 copies. At present it is between 190,000 and 200,000, including the two new quarterly publications of the board—the Heidelberg Picture Cards and the Church Festival Helper. It is pleasant to announce that a reduction in price will be made in several periodicals the first of the year, that the Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly will again be enlarged eight pages, and a cover be added, without increasing the subscription price, and that, owing to the growth of the Home Department Work, a Home Department Quarterly will be issued. Another new publication will be the Heidelberg Lesson Book for 1899. As indicating progress, we report that the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in America has arranged to supply the schools of that church with our Lesson Helps.

The financial statement of the business manager of the board's business, March 31, 1898, was as follows:

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	\$2,583 24
Accounts due in book department.	750 72
" " on Church Festival Helper.....	241 47
" " on Lesson Helps and Sunday School Pa- pers	2,444 61
Amount due from advertisers	132 50
Due from Sunday School and Missionary Department—ac- count of grants of literature	126 99
Due from Sunday School and Missionary Department—ac- count of Children's Day Services, 1896.....	286 94
Inventory of stock of book store.....	770 75
Salary paid in advance.. ..	59 00
529 cuts—\$645.86—at 2-3 cost....	423 90
Cash paid in advance for Sunday School maps, 2, 3, 4th Qr. '98	300 00
Reserve fund for Sunday School Hymnal, etc.....	1,500 00
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	\$9,620 12

LIABILITIES.

Cash received in advance for Sunday School Supplies—Sec- ond, Third, and Fourth Quarters, 1898.....	\$2,370 28
Bills payable	207 67
Six months royalty due Reformed Ch. Publication Board	500 00
Amount due Sunday School and Missionary Department on account of capital advanced.....	1,000 00
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Total	\$4,077 95
Net earnings or balance	\$5,542 17

In view of the encouraging growth in the Sunday-school membership the last few years, and because of the continued need of systematic effort to gather in the large numbers not attending any Sunday-school or studying the Bible regularly, the board feels constrained to emphasize the importance of this work. To this end, it proposes, that in these closing years of the century, all our schools unite in the "Twentieth Century Movement in Reformed Sunday-schools." The object of this movement is to signalize the entrance of the Reformed church into the twentieth century, by bringing into its Sunday-schools 100,000 new scholars by April 1, 1901. A statement of the nature, motives and methods, animating this movement, is presented in the leaflet accompanying this report. As this great work depends, under God, for its success, upon the earnest co-operation of the pastors, consistories, Sunday-school superintendents, teachers and scholars, we respectfully recommend that your reverend body take such action as will direct the Classes to call forth the activity of all our pastors and churches in this movement.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, D.D., *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary.*

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools reported Monday evening. The report was considered by items. The items severally, and the report as a whole was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: There were placed in the hands of your committee, (1) The report of General Synod's Sunday-school Board, and that of the Sunday-school Board of Pittsburgh Synod; and there were referred to your committee, from the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, Item 3, Section (a), in which Westmoreland Classis requests Pittsburgh Synod to overture General Synod to relieve the Sunday-school Board of Mission work, and to adopt a plan and policy, whereby the accumulated profits of the Sunday-school Board shall be appropriated by General Synod to the Home and Foreign mission work, in such proportion as General Synod shall direct; also, Item 4, Section (a), in which Somerset Classis overtures Pittsburgh Synod to excuse it from complying with its action in regard to giving an offering each year to the Sunday-school Board, and to reconsider its request to have offerings made toward the support of the Sunday-school Board.; also, Item 10, stating that Somerset Classis did not comply during the past year with the same action.

It is with regret that we note a falling off of almost 6,000 in the enrollment of scholars, teachers and officers in our Sunday-school statistics, due in great part, no doubt, to the failure of almost one hundred schools to send in their reports. We take pleasure in noting a large use, among our Sunday-schools, of the Reformed Lesson Helps.

Your committee therefore recommends to this body,

First.—That Synod recommend and urge, on the various classes, the carrying out of the so-called "Twentieth Century" movement, that through them, the Classical Committee on Sunday-schools, pastors and superintendents, be urged to put forth their best efforts to realize the hope of this movement, and that Synod's Board be instructed to co-operate.

Second.—That the request of Westmoreland Classis to overture General Synod to relieve the Sunday-school Board of Sunday-school Mission Work, and to adopt a plan and policy, whereby the accumulated profits of the Sunday-school Board shall be appropriated by General Synod to the Home and Foreign mission work, in such proportion as General Synod shall direct, be not acceded to, for the following reasons: This would involve the loss to the cause of Home Missions of several thousand dollars a year, now expended in Sunday-schools, as a branch or part of Home mission work, and

is not in harmony with the expressed wish of the Board of Home Missions. The expense of the last few years shows that pioneer home missionary work can be accomplished most successfully by persons having special qualifications for this work. The work of Rev. J. C. Horning, Sunday-school missionary, a member of this Synod, is proof of this statement. It is plain, too, that a new impulse is given to the missionary life and spirit of our schools, by this work being done under the direction of the Sunday-school Board.

Third.—That the overture of Somerset Classis to excuse said classis from complying with Synod's action in regard to giving an offering each year to the Sunday-school Board, be not granted, and that Synod reiterate its action of last year, requesting Sunday-schools to use the Children's Day services of the General board, and give an offering during each year for the Sunday-school mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. BRIGHT,
J. G. WALTER, JOHN F. NALEY,
A. S. GLESSNER, H. F. TEXTER.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I.—Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Under item 13 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows. The report was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. R. F. Gass, F. M. Line, and Elder C. Hohman. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing with September 30th, 1898:

RECEIPTS.	
Westmoreland Classis	\$ 77 54
Clarion Classis	65 00
Allegheny Classis	48 87
Somerset Classis	31 66
St. Paul's Classis	12 67
Pittsburgh Synod	400 00
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	\$635 74
EXPENDITURES.	
Paid to four Accountants	\$780 00

In view of the increasing number of appeals for relief, we ask for a larger and more general giving on the part of the different Classes, to the cause which the society represents.

We call attention, also, to the needs of the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home," located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives, and the widows of ministers. The Home is open, and has one minister residing in it. It appeals for immediate help, that it may be properly maintained and successfully carried forward.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit preside over your deliberations, I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States, present the following statement of its financial operations for the year closing with September 30th, 1898, for publication in the minutes of your reverend body, to wit:

RECEIPTS.

From balance in Treasury as per last report..	\$2,721 29
" interest on invested fund.....	2,386 61
" loans paid	2,400 00
" collections in the churches.....	1,680 80
" bequest of Mrs. C. E. Santee.....	600 00
" Pittsburgh Synod, special	400 00
" individual sources	128 15
" special appeal	107 50
For Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	2,069 33
Total	<u>\$12,493 68</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For new investment	\$3,600 00
" 45 annuitants	3,002 50
" Dan'l Stine Mem. Home.....	1,855 05
" Expenses	209 96
By cash in Treasury Sept. 30, '98.....	3,826 17
Total	<u>\$12,493 68</u>
Invested Fund	\$38,850 00

The following ministers have been made members of the society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Samuel C. Long, Wm. J. Muir, James B. Stoneseifer, Samuel A. Leinbach, A. M. Masonheimer, Ph.D., Silas P. Mauger, Aaron A. Leisz, Morgan A. Peters, E. W. Stonebreaker, John S. Stahr, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, Henry Y. Stoner, C. A. Leimberg, E. D. Meixell, Silas B. Mase, Wm. H. Tussing, D. S. Stephan, Joseph A. Keller, D.D., Geo. M. Zacharias, Christopher Noss, Chas. H. Mutchler and Peter E. Heimer.

Annual Members.—Revs. Geo. P. Hartzell, J. N. Grosshuesch and John Vogt, D.D.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Myerstown, Pa.

II.—Report of Special Committee on the Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows reported Saturday afternoon and Monday evening. The report was considered item by item. The items, severally, and the report, as a whole, was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Ministerial Relief, would offer the following report:

1st. From the Treasurer's report it is learned that the Pittsburgh Synod has received through her annuities considerable more than the society received from the Synod's offerings.

In view of the urgent appeals from the society for the relief of those in need, we would recommend that the pastors, through the Classes, be urged to secure within their charges, larger contributions for a cause so worthy.

2d. The Treasurer, in his report, also makes special mention of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, located at Myerstown, Pa. Although the appeal coming from the Home to this Synod, for immediate aid, is very urging, we do not, at present, see our way clear to recommend any definite action.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. GASS,

F. M. LINE, C. Holman.

III.—Infant Baptism Normal to the Gospel.

Under item 8 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was noted the above booklet. It was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. B. Mase, L. Cort, and Elder Wm. Hillegass. The committee reported on Monday evening. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Your special committee to whom was referred a treatise on "Infant Baptism Normal to the Gospel," by Rev. H. King, beg leave to report the following:

We have carefully scanned the pages of this booklet and find that its contents are normal to its title and claim. It is a careful and perhaps timely discussion of a fundamentally im-

portant practice in the history of Ecclesiology. Pedit-baptism has been antagonized in the past, not only, but is still criticised, excoriated and condemned in various quarters of the church. It is eminently in order, therefore, to uphold and defend, as Rev. King has sought to do, this rite which is held so dear and sacred by many Christian denominations. The author exhibits no malice towards the opponents of infant baptism. Whilst his tract is thoroughly controversial in its tone, it is nevertheless, comparatively free from tingling sarcasm and rasping acerbity. Toleration peeps forth from its pages, like a welcome flower. The scripturalness of pedit-baptism is presented in a new and novel form, which to our mind seems somewhat mystical. In other words, the argument which he has constructed, may be too scholastic in its nature, for the common people. However, your committee feel that it is valuable in its way, and entitled to a cordial reception and generous patronage. Given that, and the success of its mission would be assured, and its author abundantly rewarded for the labor expended on its production.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. MASE,

L. CORT, Wm. HILLEGASS.

IV.—Petition in Behalf of Mrs. Annie Glessner.

Under item 14 of the report of Standing Committee on Overtures, the petition was read. It was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., Lewis Reiter, and Elder O. S. Marshall, Esq. This committee reported on Monday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee to which was referred a petition, signed by Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxal, in behalf of Mrs. Annie Glessner, wife of Charles Glessner, of Summit township, Somerset county, Pa., asking your reverend body to authorize and instruct your treasurer to release a certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Myersdale, bounded on the south by Broad street, on the west by the property of Henry Poschman, on the north by an alley, and on the east by the property owned, or in the possession of Mrs. Yeager, which lot had been the property of Conrad Poschman, deceased, and deeded by his heirs to said Annie Glessner, and by her conveyed to Wm. W. Scott, from the lien of the judgment held by your reverend body against the property of said Conrad Poschman, deceased.

In answer to this petition your committee begs leave to offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, that the treasurer of Synod be and is hereby authorized

thorized to execute the said release of Synod's lien against the aforesaid lot, on the condition that \$75 of the purchase money be paid on the lien.

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. HELLER,
LEWIS REITER, O. S. MARSHALL.

V.—Rev. G. M. Zacharias.

Under item 15 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read a letter from Rev. G. M. Zacharias. It was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., A. R. Kremer, D.D., and Elder C. V. Bowers. This committee reported on Monday evening. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

The committee to which the letter of Rev. G. M. Zacharias was referred, offer the following:

The letter contains (1) an account of the present undertaking of Brother Zacharias, in copying from manuscripts in the archives of the Classis of Amsterdam, all matters relating to the beginnings of the Reformed Church in the United States, to be deposited in one of the libraries at Lancaster for future historical use, in which he has made some progress, and (2), a request for a gift of fifty dollars from this Synod, to aid him in this work.

The committee suggests the following:

1. We are interested to learn that Brother Zacharias is devoting his time and energies to these archeological studies and trust that they will eventually be of some value to the future historian.

2. In view, however, of the fact that the Synod is earnestly engaged in many branches of benevolent work, demanding the utmost liberality, to which we have succeeded in bringing ourselves and our people, we cannot at present promise Rev. Zacharias any financial aid in the enterprise upon which he has entered.

Respectfully submitted,
D. B. LADY,
A. R. KREMER, CHAS. V. BOWERS.

VI.—The Synod Appoints a Press Committee.

On Thursday morning the following were appointed a Press Committee: Revs. J. G. Water, R. C. Bowling, J. N. Naly, H. D. Darbaker, E. S. Hassler, Rev. W. H. Tussing, C. F. Althouse, J. H. Mickly and C. R. Dieffenbacher.

On Monday evening the committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Press Committee would report that the duties assigned them have been attended to, and that reports have been sent regularly to the various papers.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

VII.—Aid Continued to Rev. J. F. Wiant.

On Friday afternoon Rev. J. F. Wiant was voted the sum of \$200, aid for the ensuing year, and the same was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

VIII.—Rev. F. J. E. Muehe.

Under item 7 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read a letter from Rev. F. J. E. Muehe, of Denver, Col., informing the Synod that he was beyond medical aid, and in straitened circumstances. The communication was tabled until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. Under item 5 of the report of the Committee of Minutes of Classes, the brother was granted \$200 aid. See report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes.

The following additional action was taken:

(a) The pastors of Synod were instructed to take up an offering in their congregations in his behalf, and forward the same through the treasurer of Synod.

(b) The brother was excused from the sessions of Synod, and the corresponding secretary was instructed to extend to him the sympathy of the Synod.

(c) Revs. L. W. Showers, C. A. Hauser, and Elder J. E. Kunkle were appointed a committee to take up an offering from the members of Synod. The offering amounted to \$82.45. The committee was instructed to pay the same to the treasurer of Synod—to be forwarded to the afflicted brother.

IX.—Persons Invited to Address the Synod, and Their Subjects.

Thursday Morning: Rev. C. A. Santee, Mercersburg College, Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., Butler Orphan Home. *Friday Afternoon:* Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., Foreign Missions; Rev. J. C. Leonard, Catawba College. *Saturday Afternoon:* Rev. C. R. Ferner, Publications. *Monday evening:* Rev. R. W. Miller, Sunday-schools; Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Franklin and Marshall Scientific Building.

X.—Instructions to Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to transmit to other Synods the resolution on the Unification of the Publication Interests, also to procure an oak case for the archives of Synod.

XI.—Report of the Special Committee on Leave of Absence.

On Thursday morning the President appointed Revs. E. E. Emhoff, Lewis Reiter, and Elder Jacob Hecker a Committee on Leave of Absence. This committee reported on Monday evening. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully reports that the following members were excused at the times herein stated:

Thursday Evening to Saturday Noon—Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D.

Friday Morning and Afternoon Sessions—Rev. H. W. Bright.

Saturday Morning—Revs. W. H. Tussing and A. H. Smith. Elders W. H. Hillegass and J. E. Kunkle.

Saturday Afternoon—Revs. C. L. Alspach; and J. H. Prugh, D.D., and A. M. Schmidt till Monday morning. Elders O. S. Marshall and John M. Conroy.

Monday Morning—Elders C. V. Bowers, Jacob Wingert, H. L. Hartzfeld and W. W. Dikeman.

Monday Afternoon—Rev. C. F. Alspach. Elders L. Cort, W. A. Bowling and John Andre.

Monday Evening—Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D., and Elder J. G. Schucker.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. EMHAPP.

LEWIS REITER, JACOB HECKER.

XII.—Additional Excuses.

Revs. Wm. Rupp, D.D., J. F. Wiant, F. Wetzel, F. J. E. Muehe and Joseph H. Apple, D.D., were excused from attendance upon the sessions of Synod. And Revs. John Connell and C. R. Ferner were excused from the last roll call.

XIII.—Absentees.

All ministers in the active pastorate, and members of Synod, who left without permission, were referred to their Classes. The following are the active pastors absent: Without excuse, Revs. Benj. Knepper and Hiram King.

Those leaving without excuses were: Revs. F. M. Line, U. C. E. Guetelius, J. D. Hunsicker, J. G. Walter. Elders Peter Klinger, C. S. Mohny and P. I. Shakley.

XIV.—Time and Place of Next Meeting.

On Monday evening Synod proceeded to select the time and place of next meeting.

It was decided to meet in *General Convention* the second Wednesday of October, the 11th, 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Invitations were extended by St. Paul's Reformed church, Meadville, Pa., and St. Peter's Reformed church, Du Boise, Pa. The ballot resulted in the selection of St. Peter's Reformed church, Du Boise, Pa., and on motion the election was made unanimous. It was further decided that when we adjourn finally, it be to meet in said church.

XV.—Address of Welcome.

The Pastor loci on Wednesday evening in behalf of the members of St. Peter's Reformed Church extend the Synod a hearty welcome.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The roll was called and a quorum found present at the opening of every session. The minutes were read, corrected and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of Synod.

Resolutions of Thanks.

The following resolutions were offered at Monday evening's session: Both resolutions were adopted, the first with a rising vote.

One of the most charming things in connection with this meeting of Synod is the Christian hospitality which this occasion has called forth. We hereby record our appreciation of the entertainment received in the delightful homes of St. Petersburg. Through the untiring effort of the pastor, the hearty co-operation of his people, our present session has been made one of the most delightful in the history of the Synod.

May the richest blessings, which the New Testament attaches to the exercise of hospitality, rest upon the homes in which the members of the Synod have been entertained. May our sojourn in this town encourage our people here to renew their efforts in advancing the cause of Christ.

1. Resolved, That the pastor read the above to his people,
2. Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to extend the thanks of this Synod to the several Railroads through whose favor we have received reduced rates, viz: The Baltimore & Ohio, The Allegheny Valley, The Pittsburg & Western and The Pittsburg Bessemer & Lake Erie.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned finally at 11.20 o'clock P. M., October the 10th, 1898, A. D., to meet in *General Convention* in St. Peter's Reformed Church, Du Boise, Pa., on the second Wednesday in October, the 11th, A. D., 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Synod closed with singing the Gloria in Excelsis, repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Long Metre Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JOHN H. PRUGH, *President*.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

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J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

SPECIAL MEETING.

PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA., NOV. 21st, 1898.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met at the call of the President in Special Session in Grace Reformed church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday evening, Nov. 21st, 1898, at 7.45 o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by Revs. U. O. H. Kerschner and A. J. Heller, D.D.

Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D., of Greenville, Pa., addressed the Synod on the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. The Synod was then called to order by the President and constituted with prayer. The roll was called and a quorum found present.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers: C. M. Hartzell, J. N. Bauman, J. H. Mickley, D. A. Souders, C. W. Summey, J. M. Evans, E. D. Meixell, D. S. Stephan, T. S. Land.

Elders: J. E. Kunkle, Jos. Eisaman, E. Crum, J. F. Naly.

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers: R. C. Bowling, J. N. Naly and U. O. H. Kerschner.

Elders: John Weisty.

III.—St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers: D. B. Lady, D.D., S. T. Wagner and E. E. Emhoff.

Elders: None.

IV.—Somerset Classis.

Ministers: A. R. Kremer, D.D.

Elders: None.

V.—Allegheny Classis.

Ministers: P. C. Prugh, D.D., J. H. Prugh, D.D., D. N. Harnish, A. M. Schmidt, A. K. Kline, A. J. Heller, D.D., J. A. Lenzinger, J. F. Kerlin, T. R. Deitz, J. G. Walter and H. W. Bright.

Elders: J. M. Conroy, W. A. Bowling, H. F. Texter and Prof. J. G. Schucker.

The call was read and the action of the Eastern Synod at Reading, Pa., October the 22d, 1898, in electing Rev. George W. Richards, of Allentown, Pa., to the Professorship of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., was unanimously confirmed.

In compliance with the suggestion of the Eastern Synod it was decided to elect a member of Synod to attend his inauguration.

The following were nominated: Revs. John H. Prugh, D.D., A. M. Schmidt, E. D. Meixell and D. B. Lady, D.D. Revs. J. A. Lenzinger and E. E. Emhoff and Elder J. G. Schucker were appointed tellers. Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., was elected on the second ballot.

The Treasurer of Synod was ordered to pay the traveling expenses of the delegates to the Special Meeting of Synod. The Minutes were read and approved and the Synod

jourled at 10 o'clock P. M. with singing the Long Metre Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President. .

JOHN H. PRUGH, *President.*

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

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J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS for the year ending June 1, 1898.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			S. STATISTICS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	(Church Papers taken.
J. F. Snyder	Emmanuel	1 223	281	343	26	2	11	4	10	0	11	1	18	200	0	3374 00	31122 00	15	76 Manor Dale, Pa.	
C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.	1st Greensburg	1 630	660	440	38	6	47	11	8	0	5	1	39	390	0	973 50	2400 00	20	62 Greensburg, Pa.	
C. M. Martzell	Latrobe	3 320	301	170	15	3	30	14	0	10	4	2	46	280	0	447 92	1655 00	20	59 Latrobe, Pa.	
J. N. Neuman	Grace	1 287	217	200	25	4	15	15	7	0	0	1	1	18	182	0	203 00	2318 47	15	35 Jeannette, Pa.
J. H. Mickey	St. John's	1 307	186	142	11	2	12	16	8	0	0	2	1	18	182	0	202 00	1214 00	21	75 Johnstown, Pa.
D. A. Sanders	Irwin	2 300	313	232	19	1	17	4	0	0	10	2	24	214	0	512 00	3011 81	18	50 Irwin, Pa.	
F. W. Summy	Pine Run	2 300	237	194	7	1	12	8	16	0	0	2	21	208	0	438 86	1049 05	12	120 North Washington, Pa.	
J. M. Evans	Denmark Manor	2 283	243	165	16	0	16	2	8	0	6	2	24	194	0	403 81	925 00	30	60 Harrison City, Pa.	
M. D. McNeill	Scottdale	2 198	173	80	10	4	6	12	4	0	10	1	18	126	0	261 45	142 70	15	40 Scottdale, Pa.	
W. S. Stephen	Youngstown	2 221	177	141	16	0	5	12	6	0	0	1	20	115	0	108 33	725 55	10	Latrobe, Pa.	
G. Land	Brush Creek	2 326	254	114	16	0	2	6	0	0	2	7	23	180	0	483 00	1315 00	20	42 Manor Station, Pa.	
M. Moore	2nd Greensburg	1 275	252	100	7	1	3	12	1	0	10	4	1	20	126	0	556 00	2787 50	12	100 Greensburg, Pa.
M. Tamm	Mt. Pleasant	2 336	309	149	13	6	12	16	9	0	0	2	21	240	2	354 00	1298 00	20	50 Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
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John McQuibell	Without charge																		Salina, Pa.	
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J. F. SNYDER, Stated Clerk, Manor Dale, Pa.

SUMMARY OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD FOR 1898.

Synods.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Communed.	Members Un- dressed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Discontinued.	Deaths.		Officers and Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Min.	Contributions.		Minutes Waived	Church Papers taken			
							Infants.	Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- profession.		Communicant.	Unconfirmed.				Beneficent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.					
Westmoreland Classis	1	12	31	4745	4124	3768	285	54	235	181	107	0	31	47	31	29	429	2,176	413	6,337.67.8	25,432.38	361	546
Clarion Classis....	1	12	21	3463	3112	2167	165	23	172	167	100	0	187	56	15	28	270	2,158	2	3,122.00	16,228.00	184	697
St. Paul's Classis..	1	12	21	2911	2455	1251	75	17	116	82	25	0	22	38	6	20	322	1,642	5	1,864.91	10,088.74	52	489
Somerset Classis ..	1	14	29	2727	2212	2000	168	26	224	140	76	1	57	52	10	22	294	2,578	2	2,988.00	15,074.00	217	218
Allegheny Classis ..	1	20	17	3169	2726	1212	192	27	226	202	78	0	91	29	20	16	252	2,045	2	7,185.00	23,941.00	122	220
Pittsburgh Synod's Totals ..	1	6	81	18,100	15,216	8224	352	144	977	774	285	1	468	220	52	126	1,678	11,499	1612	21,226.64	94,172.02	927	2,552
Southern Synod ..	1	12	29	97,849	70,477	51,358	5242	558	4,564	2764	1456	2	1634	1677	892	579	10,514	78,854	26	94,218.00	429,418.00	2411	10,682
Ohio Synod ..	1	6	12	21,940	19,215	6,229	126	542	1,120	979	534	5	607	282	49	222	2,541	21,460	20	17,945.00	101,845.00	960	2,221
German Synod of Northwest	1	12	152	20,941	15,414	14,687	1,779	27	1,123	799	222	15	571	297	204	191	1,426	12,228	23	12,977.00	22,240.00	960	8,922
Potomac Synod ..	1	8	280	24,722	31,821	20,491	1,682	200	1,487	907	697	2	506	618	284	140	4,448	29,398	43	28,111.00	161,496.00	798	4,034
German Synod of the East ..	1	6	64	14,948	12,158	9,789	1,997	87	382	542	77	1	672	211	168	81	1,084	10,528	12	9,062.00	106,151.00	798	2,017
Central Synod.....	1	5	84	22,148	16,173	11,748	1,146	51	971	692	212	2	667	277	160	111	1,522	12,010	31	12,808.00	22,278.00	798	2,017
Interior Synod ..	1	5	64	2,228	2,702	1,311	117	72	178	170	101	0	134	39	15	61	752	4,114	2	4,278.00	22,753.00	798	2,017
Totals ..	8,57	1038	1066	228,629	184,448	125,556	13,808	1820	11,428	7342	2896	29	5229	4676	1573	1508	28,070	181,001	272	2,202,092.00	91090,642.00	8106	27,622

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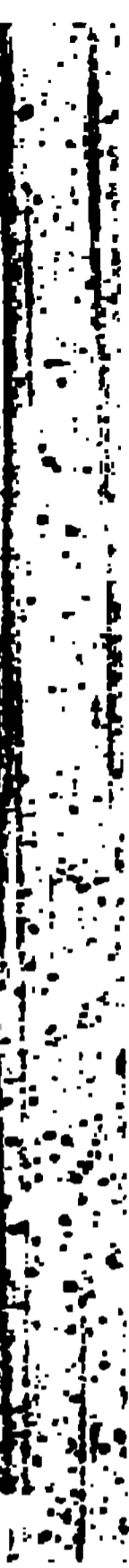
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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

DUBOIS, CLEARFIELD CO., PA., OCTOBER 11-16, 1899.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met pursuant to resolution taken at its last regular meeting in *General Convention*, on Wednesday, October 11th, A. D. 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M., in St. Peter's Reformed church, DuBois, Clearfield county, Pa., and was opened with divine services. The sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., from Matt. 28: 19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President and constituted with prayer. Thereupon the roll was called and a quorum found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers: J. F. Snyder, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.,¹ C. M. Hartzell, J. N. Bauman, J. H. Mickley, D. A. Souders, J. M. Evans, E. D. Meixell, D. S. Stephan, T. S. Land, S. B. Mase,¹ C. E. Wagner, A. M. Schaffner, H. S. Garner, A. J. Heller, D.D., C. W. Summey, C. R. Ferner,² J. McConnell, and W. S. Fisher.⁷

Elders: J. H. Kuhns, J. E. Kunkle,² A. G. Saxman,² Alex. Leonard, C. Vandyke,² L. Berlin, E. Crum,² W. R. Barnhart,⁹ J. C. Fox, S. P. Keck, and S. B. Fisher.

Charges not Represented: St. John's, Scottdale, Youngstown, Mount Pleasant, Connellsville and Pine Run-Salina.

Ministers Absent: W. H. Tussing and Lucien Cort.

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers: R. C. Bowling, R. E. Crum, R. F. Gass,² D.

W. Kerr,³ L. W. Showers,³ J. N. Naly, U. O. H. Kerschner, J. P. Bachman,³ Lewis Reiter, F. M. Line, and I. A. Sites.

Elders: J. A. Slaughaupt, J. W. Fossler,³ C. J. Bauer, Wm. Eisenhart,³ Henry Fullmer,³ Jacob Buchheit,³ George Bonnett, and W. G. King.

Charges not Represented: Kittanning, Plum Creek, Apollo, Emlenton, Beaver, and Punxsutawney.

Ministers Absent: H. D. Darbaker, and Wm. C. Haupt.

III.—St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers: A. M. Keifer, Geo. E. Limbert, H. I. Crow, D. E. Master,³ S. T. Wagner, A. S. Glessner,³ E. E. Emhoff, and F. L. Kerr.³

Elders: Levi Bortz,³ Willis Moon, C. J. Gamble, Homer Powell,³ Wm. Flickinger, S. B. Adams,³ and Chas. Molzahn.

Charges not Represented: Shenango, St. Paul's, and Meadville.

Ministers Absent: J. H. Apple, D.D., D. B. Lady, D.D., L. P. Goerrig, J. C. Horning, and J. F. Wiant.

IV.—Somerset Classis.

Ministers: Wm. Rupp, D.D., S. C. Long, E. S. Hassler, D. H. Leader, F. Wetzel,³ A. E. Truxal, D.D., E. P. Skyles,³ J. T. Balliet, C. A. Hauser, and J. D. Hunsicker.

Elders: A. C. Lepley,³ Joshua Turner,³ J. J. Zimmerman,³ Wm. Apple,³ J. M. Wolfersberger,³ and R. C. Sinn.³

Ministers Absent: Benj. Knepper, Hiram King, A. R. Kremer, D.D., U. C. E. Gutelius, A. Walker, and R. F. Main.

V.—Allegheny Classis.

Ministers: J. H. Prugh, D.D.,³ P. C. Prugh, D.D.,³ D. N. Harnish, A. M. Schmidt, A. K. Kline, C. L. Alspach,³ C. F. Althouse, J. A. Luzinger, A. H. Smith, J. F. Kerlin, T. R. Deitz,³ C. H. Faust, W. G. Klein, A. C. Snyder, Ph.D., and J. K. Adams.

Elders: J. M. Conroy,³ Jesse Huntz,³ H. F. Texter, J. G. Chaffey,³ J. M. Byers, I. M. Wise,³ W. H. Shoemaker,³ P. D. Gelbach,³ and P. I. Shakely.

Charges not Represented: Butler, Calvery, and First Hungarian.

Ministers Absent: Chas. Knepper, E. H. Otting, D. G. Klein, J. G. Walter, and Paul Konyh.

Advisory Members.

Eastern Synod: Rev. R. W. Miller.

Potomac Synod: Revs. J. C. Leonard, S. U. Waugaman, and Prof. J. H. Apple.

Interior Synod: Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.

Visiting Ministers.

Rev. Mr. Bell, Presbyterian Church.

Revs. R. C. Smith and A. R. Rich, D.D., of the Methodist Church.

Rev. G. L. Rankin, of the Lutheran Church.

Note.—*Appeared*—¹Friday, ²Saturday. *Excused*—³Friday morning, ⁴Friday afternoon, ⁵Saturday morning, ⁶Saturday afternoon, ⁷Monday morning, ⁸Monday afternoon, ⁹Last roll call.

^aOccupied seat of Elder Slaughaupt, Friday and Saturday.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:

Rev. Edgar S. Hassler, *President*, Keim, Pa.

Rev. David A. Souders, *Vice-President*, Irwin, Pa.

Rev. J. Harvey Mickley, *Stated Clerk*, Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. D. Elmer Master, *Corresponding Secretary*, Cochran-
ton, Pa.

Rev. Daniel H. Leader, *Treasurer*, Elk Lick, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were observed by the Synod in the transaction of its business; but the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The *Bar of the House* was defined as the first seven rows of pews.

Session Hours. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the daily sessions of Synod, viz.: 9 o'clock A. M., and 4.30 P. M., with a recess from 11.15 o'clock A. M., to 2 o'clock P. M. These hours were observed except that on Saturday and Monday the recess terminated at 1.15 o'clock, and on Friday afternoon Synod adjourned at 3.55 o'clock, and on Saturday and Monday afternoons the time of adjournment was extended to 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Religious Service.—Revs. R. E. Crum, H. I. Crow, C. W. Summey and Elders J. A. Slaughaupt and Jacob Buchheit.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. D. H. Leader, H. S. Garner, D. E. Master, and Elders Geo. Bonnett and Joshua Turner.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. A. M. Keifer, E. P. Skyles, F. M. Line, and Elders J. H. Kuhns and P. I. Shakely.

Overtures.—Revs. J. N. Bauman, T. R. Deitz, I. A. Sites, and Elders A. C. Lepley and Willis Moon.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. D. N. Harnish, Lewis Reiter, E. E. Emhoff, and Elders Wm. Apple and Alex. Leonard.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. F. Snyder, S. C. Long, J. F. Kerlin, and Elders C. J. Gamble and W. H. Shoemaker.

State of the Church.—Revs. J. H. Prugh, D.D., E. D. Meixell, J. N. Naly, and Elders Levi Bortz and J. J. Zimmerman.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. M. Evans, A. M. Schmidt, F. Wetzel, and Elders W. R. Barnhart and S. B. Adams.

Missions.—Revs. C. L. Alspach, C. M. Hartzell, G. E. Limbert, and Elders H. F. Texter and R. C. Sinn.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. A. S. Glessner, D. A. Souders, U. O. H. Kerschner, and Elders L. Berlin and J. G. Chaffey.

Education.—Revs. R. C. Bowling, A. M. Schaffner, T. S. Land, and Elders J. C. Fox and J. M. Byers.

• *Publication.*—Revs. Wm. Rupp, D.D., P. C. Prugh, D.D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., and Elders W. R. Barnhart and W. G. King.

Nominations.—Revs. T. S. Land, A. J. Heller, D.D., C. A. Hauser, and Elders S. P. Keck and Wm. Apple.

Finance.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., J. F. Snyder, C. F. Althouse, and Elders J. M. Conroy and L. Bortz.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. S. T. Wagner, A. H. Smith, J. D. Hunsicker, and Elders S. B. Fisher and Wm. Flickinger.

Sunday-Schools.—Revs. D. A. Souders, D. N. Harnish, J. N. Bauman, and Elders J. E. Kunkle and J. H. Kuhns.

Orphan Home.—Revs. U. O. H. Kerschner, A. K. Kline, J. P. Bachman, and Elders J. G. Chaffey and E. Crum.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of the General and Pittsburgh Synods, and of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committees.

2. The representatives of six of the Boards of Synod read the Boards' reports, which were referred to the proper committees.

3. Eighteen other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod throughout its sessions observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine service.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Service, reported at various times, and the report as finally adopted and carried out is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Religious Service beg leave to recommend the following services:

Thursday Evening: Rev. A. K. Kline presiding. Altar service, Revs. Geo. E. Limbert and D. S. Stephan. Subjects, "Our Publication Interests," by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; "Orphans Home," by Rev. T. S. Land.

Friday Evening: Rev. J. F. Snyder presiding. Altar service, Revs. F. Wetzel and H. S. Garner. Subjects, "Our Sunday-schools," by Rev. C. M. Hartzell; "Home Missions," by Rev. D. A. Souders and Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.

Saturday Afternoon—Preparatory Service. Altar service, Revs. D. E. Master and C. E. Wagner. Sermon by Rev. Wm. Rupp.

Saturday Evening: Rev. J. M. Evans presiding. Altar service, Revs. R. F. Gass and F. L. Kerr. Subject, "Our Literary Institutions." Addresses by Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D.

Sunday Morning: 9.30, Sunday-school addresses by Revs. C. A. Hauser, Chas. H. Foust, and I. A. Sites; 10.30, Holy Communion. Altar service, Revs. E. S. Hassler and J. H. Mickley. Sermon by Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D.

Sunday Evening: 6.45, Christian Endeavor. Addresses by Revs. U. O. H. Kerschner, J. K. Adams, and J. N. Bauman; 7.30. Rev. S. T. Wagner presiding. Altar service by Revs. C. R. Ferner and A. M. Schaffner. Subject, "Foreign Missions." Address by Miss Mary C. Hollowell.

Other Churches.

Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. D. H. Leader; evening, Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

M. E. Church.—Morning, Rev. S. B. Mase; evening, Rev. A. M. Keifer.

Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. C. R. Deffenbacher, D.D.

Baptist Church.—Morning, Rev. A. H. Smith; evening, Rev. D. W. Kerr.

United Evangelical Church.—Morning, Rev. R. F. Gass; evening, Rev. D. N. Harnish.

United Brethren Church.—Morning, Rev. J. A. Luzinger; evening, Rev. J. T. Balliett.

United Presbyterian.—Morning, Rev F. M. Line.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. CRUM.

H. I. CROW.

J. A. SLAUGENHOPT.

C. W. SUMMEY.

JACOB BUCHHEIT.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod reported Friday. The report was considered by items and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod respectfully report the following items as claiming the attention of your Reverend Body:

Item 1, p. 85. The various Synods are directed to pay apportionments for mission work among the Germans to the Treasurer of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 2, p. 89. Six cents per member is apportioned annually for church-building among the English Synods.

Item 3, p. 89. The work of all missionary societies is commended, and General Synod urges that all possible sympathy and encouragement be given it.

Item 4, pp. 90-91. General Synod designates the year 1901 for the observance of the 20th century movement for missions and church-building, and urges each District Synod to hold special educational or church-work conventions in the interest of this movement, and further requests each District Synod to instruct its several Classes as to the necessity of carrying this movement into practical effect and appoints Rev. A. K. Kline, of this Synod, a member of a committee of nine which is to have charge of this work.

Item 5, p. 128. The sum of \$40,000 is asked annually for Foreign Missions, and the Synods are challenged to meet the actual payment of this amount.

Item 6, p. 180. General Synod approves the 20th century movement of the Sunday-school Board, and requests the co-operation of the Synods in support of the movement.

Item 7, p. 180. General Synod recommends that an annual offering be given for the missionary department of the Sunday-school Board.

Item 8, p. 186. The Stated Clerks of Synods are requested to furnish the committee appointed by General Synod with a complete list of all licensures and ordinations as recorded in their respective minutes.

Item 9, p. 194. This has reference to raising the standard for entrance into the Christian ministry.

Item 10, p. 194. District Synods are to comply strictly with the requirements of the constitution of the Church in the reception of ministers from other denominations.

Item 11, pp. 200-201. General Synod has apportioned upon this Synod the following sums:

Contingent Fund.....	\$430 triennial.
Home Missions.....	4,550 annual.
Harbor Mission.....	85 annual.
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.....	600 annual.
Work among Germans.....	450 annual.
Foreign Missions.....	2,975 annual.

Item 12, p. 201. Special attention of Synod is called to the apportionment of six cents per member for church building purposes.

Item 13, p. 205. General Synod leaves the whole matter of the consolidation of the English publication interests in the hands of the District Synods.

Item 14, p. 225. General Synod will hold its next triennial sessions in the First Reformed church, Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday, May 20th, A. D., 1902, at 8 P. M.

CALVIN S. GERHARD, *President*.

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. LEADER.

H. S. GARNER.

H. G. BARNETT.

D. E. MASTER.

JOSHUA TURNER.

The following action was taken:

Items 1 to 4, 10 and 14 were adopted.

Item 5. Adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. (See Art. XV.)

Items 6 and 7. Adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. (See Art. XXII.)

Item 8. Adopted, and the attention of the Stated Clerk called to the same.

Item 9. Adopted and the attention of the classes called to the same.

Item 11. This item was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., E. D. Meixell and Elder J. E. Kunkle. (See Art. XX.)

Item 12. Adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Item 13. The following action was taken: *Resolved*, That Pittsburgh Synod claims that the matter of the publication interests belongs entirely to the jurisdiction of the District Synods.

The report was amended and adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod, reported Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The report was considered by items and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod offers the following report:

Item 1, p. 6. Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, Rev. D. A. Souders, chairman.

Item 2, p. 10. Reaffirms the instructions of Synod to the superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, to supply all charges with envelopes.

Item 3, p. 27. Synod authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, to convey 50 feet of ground on College avenue to the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College for \$1.

Item 4, p. 27. Synod orders the payment of \$150 for current and extraordinary expenses at the Seminary.

Item 5, p. 27. (a) Synod authorizes the payment of \$100 for instruction in elocution; (b) and \$40 for supplementary course of lectures.

Item 6, p. 27. Rev. D. A. Souders is appointed to continue the collection of outstanding endowment pledges.

Item 7, p. 39. The Turtle Creek Mission. (a) The Synod assumes the interest on \$5,000 for two years; (b) the Home Mission Board is asked to assume the interest of \$1,600 for two years; (c) the Mission is asked to raise at once \$1,000 to meet note due.

Item 8 is an item calling the attention of the Board of Home Mission to promising mission territory.

Item 9, p. 41. Synod asks the General Synod's Home Mission Board to forgive the debt of \$2,000 which it holds vs. the Braddock Mission.

Item 10, p. 49. St. Paul's Orphan Home. (a) Synod directs the classes to interest pastors and people in behalf of a larger income; (b) designates the Christmas offering for the home and requests the presentation of the cause; (c) designates the Children's Day offering for the home; (d) Synod approves the plan of a Ladies Auxiliary Board.

Item 11, p. 50. The Permanent Committee on Endowment of F. and M. College, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., chairman.

Item 12, p. 40. Is an action instructing classes to take action with reference to the *Reformed Church Tidings*.

Item 13, p. 57. Synod instructs the Stated Clerk to publish and distribute 2,000 copies of the minutes in the usual manner.

Item 14, p. 58. Expiration of terms of office:

Trustee of Synod, Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D.; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. A. M. Keifer, T. S. Land, and Elder P. Keil; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. J. F. Wiant, and D. H. Leader; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D.; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. D. A. Souders; *Sunday-school Board*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell; *Publication Board*, B. Wolf, Jr.; *Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary*, Elder C. W. Truxal; *Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

Item 15, p. 68. Synod apportions the following upon the Classes:

Westmoreland.....	\$2,345	regular;	Foreign Missions	\$701
Clarion.....	1,797	"	"	525
St. Paul's.....	1,375	"	"	385
Somerset.....	1,794	"	"	536
Allegheny.....	1,300	"	"	453

Item 16, p. 68. Treasurer of Synod instructed to pay to Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner \$10.

Item 17, p. 73. Synod recommends and urges the Classes to carry out the 20th century movement.

Item 18, p. 77. Synod instructs its Treasurer to release a lien, on certain conditions, in behalf of Mrs Annie Glessner.

Item 19, p. 79. Aid continued to Rev. J. F. Wiant.

Item 20, p. 79. (a) Pastors of Synod are instructed to lift offerings in behalf of Rev. F. J. E. Muehe; (b) the committee appointed to take up the offering of Synod in his behalf was instructed to pay the same to the Treasurer of Synod, to be forwarded to the afflicted brother; (c) Corresponding Secretary was instructed to extend sympathy.

Item 21, p. 79. The Stated Clerk was instructed to transmit resolution on Unification of Publications and secure oak case for Archives.

Item 22, p. 81. Thanks of Synod. (a) Pastor loci instructed to read the same to his people; (b) Stated Clerk instructed to notify the several railroads granting orders for reduced rates.

Item 23, p. 83. Special meeting. Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., was elected to represent the Synod at the inauguration of Rev. George W. Richards, Professor-elect in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 24, p. 83. The Treasurer was ordered to pay the traveling expenses of the delegates to the special meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER.

E. P. SKYLES.

F. M. LINE.

P. I. SHAKELY.

JACOB H. KUHN.

The following action was taken:

Item 1. The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology reported. (See Art. XXI.)

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 (a-c), 9, 13, 16, 18, 20 (b and c), 22 (a and b) and 24, were found attended to and adopted.

Item 6. Rev. Souders reported and report was adopted. (See Art. XIV.)

Item 8. Adopted.

Items 10 (a, c and d), 12, 15, 17, were tabled till the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis reported, when it was found that they had been attended to.

Item 11. The Permanent Committee on the Endowment of F. and M. College reported and the report was adopted. (See Art. XVI.) Rev. A. H. Smith was appointed to the vacancy caused by the removal from Allegheny Classis of Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D.

Item 14. Adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations and Elections.

Item 19. Adopted and found attended to. The aid was continued at \$200, and the same was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Item 20 (a), having been attended to in part, was adopted.

Item 21. Adopted and the instructions to purchase oak case for Archives reaffirmed.

Item 23. Adopted and the representative continued.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures reported at various times, and the report was considered by items, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures offer the following report:

Item 1. The Annual Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 2. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Item 3. Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Item 4. Report and Catalogue of F. and M. College.

Item 5. Report of the Treasurer of the Society for Ministerial Relief, together with a memoir of the Society.

Item 6. A request from Rev. E. H. Otting to be excused for absence from the meeting of Synod.

Item 7. A similar request from Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D.

- Item 8.* A similar request from Rev. A. Walker.
Item 9. A similar request from Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius.
Item 10. Report of General Synod's Sunday-school Board.
Item 11. A request from General Synod's Committee on the "Twentieth Century Movement."
Item 12. Catalogues of Allentown College for Women.
Item 13. An invitation from the consistory and members of St. John's congregation, Evans City.
Item 14. Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.
Item 15. Request from Rev. J. C. Horning for excuse.
Item 16. A request from the Trustees of Catawba College, Newton, N. C., together with Catalogue.
Item 17. Request of Rev. H. D. Darbaker to be excused for absence.
Item 18. A similar request from Rev. J. G. Walter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. BAUMAN.

T. R. DIETZ.

A. C. LEPLEY.

I. A. SITES.

WILLIS MOON.

Committee.

The following action was taken:

Items 1, 11 and 14. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. (See Art. XV.)

Items 2 and 3. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. (See Art. XIV.)

Item 4. The report was read and with the catalogue referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. (See Art. XVI.)

Item 5. Read and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. A. K. Kline, R. F. Gass, and Elder Chas. Molzahn.

Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 17 and 18 were read and the requests granted.

Item 10. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. (See Art. XXII.)

Item 12. Adopted and the catalogues placed upon the table for the use of the Synod.

Item 13. The invitation was unanimously accepted. (See Art. XXIV.)

Item 16. Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. (See Art. XVI.)

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported Saturday morning and the report is as follows:

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully offer the following report:

I.—Irregularities.—None.**II.—Requests or Overtures.**

Item 1. (a) Clarion Classis overtures Pittsburgh Synod to secure the return of the provisional mortgage held by the Church Extension Board against St. Peter's Reformed church, of DuBois, Pa.

(b) To request the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's Orphan Home to send the children of the Home to the public schools of Butler and thereby save annually about \$1,000.00.

Item 2. Allegheny Classis overtures Pittsburgh Synod to take steps looking to the securing of a Missionary Superintendent whose time shall be given exclusively to this Synod.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.—None.**IV.—Subjects Referred.**

Item 3. All matters referred to the Classes by Synod were favorably acted on, excepting

(a) Westmoreland, Clarion and Somerset Classes failed to appoint an Auxiliary Board for the Orphan Home, consisting of three ladies from each Classis.

(b) Westmoreland Classis again refused to accept the apportionment of six cents a member for Church Building Funds, for the reason that the Classis is raising such funds and appropriating them within its own bounds.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

Item 4. (a) Westmoreland Classis received Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., from Allegheny Classis, and Rev. A. M. Schaffner from St. Paul's Classis, and licensed Wm. S. Fisher.

(b) Clarion Classis received Rev. I. A. Sites, from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio.

(c) St. Paul's Classis received Rev. F. L. Kerr from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and dismissed Rev. A. M. Schaffner to Westmoreland Classis.

(d) Somerset Classis received Lic. R. Franklin Main from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and dismissed Rev. A. C. Snyder, Ph.D., to Allegheny Classis.

(e) Allegheny Classis received Rev. Paul Konyha from the Reformed Church of Hungary, Rev. A. C. Snyder, Ph.D.,

from Somerset Classis, and Licentiates W. G. Klein and J. K. Adams from Lancaster and Wyoming Classes, Eastern Synod, respectively; ordained the said Licentiate W. G. Klein, and licensed Chas. H. Faust; dismissed Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., to Westmoreland Classis, and Rev. H. W. Bright to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; also erased from the roll of Classis the name of Rev. John Kovacs.

VI.—Place and Time of Next Annual Meeting.

(a) *Westmoreland Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed church, Delmont, Pa., Thursday, May 24, 1900, at 7.45 P. M. Rev. E. D. Meixell, *President*; Rev. J. F. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

(b) *Clarion Classis* will meet in Nevin Memorial Reformed church, Frogtown, Pa., Wednesday, May 9, 1900, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. N. Naly, *President*; Rev. R. E. Crum, *Stated Clerk*.

(c) *St. Paul's Classis* will meet in Zion Reformed church, Greenville, Pa., at 8 o'clock P. M., on the first Tuesday of June, 1900. Rev. L. P. Goerrig, *President*; Rev. G. E. Limbert, *Stated Clerk*.

(d) *Somerset Classis* will meet in Salem Reformed church, Frostburg, Md., Wednesday, June 6, 1900, at 7.45 P. M. Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., *President*; Rev. E. S. Hassler, *Stated Clerk*.

(e) *Allegheny Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed church, New Kensington, Pa., the second Monday in May, 1900, at 7.45 P. M. Rev. C. L. Alspach, *President*; Rev. D. N. Harnish, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. HARNISH.

LEWIS REITER.

E. E. EMHOFF.

WM. APPEL.

A. LEONARD.

The following action was taken:

Item 1. (a) Referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., A. E. Truxal, D.D., and Elder J. E. Kunkle. (See Art. XXIV.)

Item 1. (b) and 3 (a) Referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Home.

Item 2. Referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

Item 3. (b) Adopted and the record be, Inasmuch as Westmoreland Classis is engaged in raising Church Building Funds to be at its own disposal.

Item 4. (a-e) Severally adopted.

Item 5. (a-e) Severally adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee would respectfully report that no applicants were referred to it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SNYDER.

S. C. LONG.

J. F. KERLIN

C. J. GAMBLE.

W. H. SHOEMAKER.

ARTICLE XIII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church reported Monday morning and the report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN! The Classical Reports, submitted to your Committee, and from which we gather the data necessary to the work assigned us, tell a most interesting story of church progress throughout the Synod, due to the manifest presence of our Lord and to the faithfulness and hopefulness of our pastors and our people. And it is with profound gratitude to Almighty God that we make a record of that progress.

New congregations and new Sunday-schools have been organized within the bounds of some of the Classes. New pastors have been settled in some fields, and new missionaries appointed.

All the Classes seem to be strongly impressed by the fact that this western part of Pennsylvania is a splendid home missionary territory, than which there is none better or more important in the United States. And the conviction deepens that opportunity means responsibility.

The reports show, also, that while greatly concerned for the welfare of the Kingdom, in this section of our home-land, and while helping the Church to get a still stronger hold upon our rapidly-growing centres of population, the people continue to offer their prayers and their wealth for the spread of the Gospel among heathen nations, and for the uplift, especially, of our bemired brothers in Japan and China. More strongly than ever it is being borne in upon earnest souls that Christ is the Saviour of the whole world, and Christianity is necessary to the grandest social destiny of every people.

Right loyally have all the Classes supported the Boards of the Church, our publication interests, and the several Institutions of the Synod. And especially gratifying is the fact, as shown by the reports, that more liberally than in any other year of this decade, were the gifts of our people given for the support of the fatherless children in St. Paul's Orphan Home, at Butler.

The reports indicate that through the discipline, training and growth of the past year, the Pittsburgh Synod is better equipped today than ever before, for doing the work entrusted to her by the Master.

All the reports speak of discouragements and disappointments in the work of the Church, and they especially call attention to the spirit of this age being such a foe to the spiritual progress of the Kingdom. We do not marvel at it. The widespread and growing interest in the study of God's Word, the devotion, consecration and liberality of God's people is matched by an intensely worldly, godless spirit. There is no light at night so brilliant to dispel the darkness as the modern electric light. And there is no shadow so black as that cast by an object which, at night, comes between you and the electric light. Side by side with solid goodness there will always be seen dense badness.

But the secular spirit of these days and the spirit of ease and enjoyment is not going to interfere with nor stay the plans of Divine Providence for the furtherance of Christ's Church and of His cause in the world. The human soul is still beating and full of life in the heart of the man whom we address. And God's Gospel still has a powerful grip upon the universal human soul. The Gospel now, as of old, is the power to lift mankind godward. While we see many things to make us solicitous, we see nothing to make us timid concerning the mighty, advancing plans of God. The persecution of the great Roman Empire could not stay those plans, nor could a powerful and corrupt ecclesiastical hierarchy thwart them. God's plans move—often silently—but they always move forward. They are never broken, they are never drawn back. And when walking and working with God His children are sure to triumph.

Oh, brethren, let us remember that our supreme duty as church men is to make the complex, complete missionary motive more and more clear to every Christian mind, and more thoroughly vigorous and energetic in every Christian heart. While everything else may tarry, this must never be postponed. The Pittsburgh Synod is not to spend its strength in picking the Gospel to pieces, nor in heresy hunting, nor in harsh, unbrotherly criticism. But we are to give ourselves, with all our powers, to making the spirit of missions operative throughout all

our churches and in all our hearts till Christ comes to rule not only as King of saints, but also as King of nations.

(Signed)

JOHN H. PRUGH.

EDW. D. MEIXELL.

J. J. ZIMMERMAN.

J. N. NALY.

LEVI BORTZ.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Report of the Board of Visitors.

Under Item 2 of the report of Standing Committee of Overtures was read the report of the Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The undersigned presents the following as the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

1. The institution was opened September 8th, 1898, when the following persons were admitted to the *Junior Class*: J. M. Bean, F. S. Borkey, J. L. Bowers, Wm. S. Cramer, Wm. F. Curtis, A. C. Dieffenbach, I. H. DeLong, W. F. DeLong, H. L. Fogleman, J. T. Fox, W. E. Harr, A. W. Kaske, J. H. Keller, W. A. Kepner, H. R. Kreider, G. W. Kerstetter, E. E. Kresge, D. L. Laudenslager, C. Long, H. Obold, R. J. Pilgram, H. H. Rupp, D. T. Schaeffer, W. G. Seiple, W. C. Slough, H. H. Wiant. Of these, twenty-three are college graduates: Of F. and M. College, 19; of Calvin, 1; of Catawba, 1; of Ursinus, 1; of Johns Hopkins, 1. Total, 26.

2. The *Middle Class* consists of the students who were admitted to the *Junior Class* in 1897. Total, 11.

3. One member of the *Senior Class* was expelled in January last. Three members were admitted at the opening of the Seminary year: Wm. E. Lampe, from Princeton Theological Seminary, and Joseph P. Ratzell and Robert F. Reed, from Union Theological Seminary. The members of this class stood approved examinations, and the testimonial of graduation was granted them. They are: J. K. Adams, E. L. Coblentz, C. E. Correll, J. F. Dechant, C. H. Faust, W. S. Fisher, A. H. Ginder, G. G. Greenawald, M. A. Kieffer, W. G. Klein, C. H. Knight, W. E. Lampe, W. H. Millhouse, W. A. McClellan, J. P. Ratzell, R. F. Reed, H. N. Smith, S. H. Stein, W. D. Yearick. Total, 19.

4. Rev. A. C. Snyder, having pursued the post-graduate course prescribed by the catalogue, was named to the college faculty with the recommendation that he receive the degree of B.D. The degree was conferred by the Board of Trustees of the College.

5. Three special lectures were delivered during the winter term by Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., Rev. C. Clever, D.D., and Rev. C. J. Musser. Missionary day was observed by special services, the consideration of missionary topics and a liberal collection for missions. Addresses were made by Rev. G. W. Stibbitz, and Rev. Dr. Burrell, of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch church, New York.

6. Satisfactory arrangements were made with Prof. Claude B. Davis for the continuance of his valuable instruction in elocution and oratory during the entire year. Measures looking toward the permanent employment of a Professor of Oratory were taken by the Board, a committee of which was instructed to act conjointly with the Board of Trustees of the College. In this connection the following action is respectfully referred to the favorable consideration of your reverend body:

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors overtures the three Synods to provide the sum of \$600 for the year 1899-1900, for a teacher of elocution, to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod, \$300; Potomac Synod, \$200; Pittsburg Synod, \$100.

(The Synodical Committee please notice above entry.)

7. Owing to the decease of our esteemed Professor, Thos. G. Apple, D.D., the course in Church History was provided for as follows: *Juniors*, once a week, under Dr. Bowman; *Middlers*, once a week, under Dr. Gast; *Seniors*, twice a week under Dr. Rupp. The extra labors of these brethren were gratefully appreciated by the Board.

8. Excepting the sad case of discipline reported above, the students maintained a good standing as to Christian character. However, cases of absence from recitation and from the religious services of the institution, were too frequent, and for reasons which the Board could not approve. It therefore directed the Faculty to prepare a record sheet to contain information concerning the studies and conduct of each student during the year. The design of such record is also to furnish the Classes with a more detailed report than they now receive of the standing and progress of the students under their care.

9. The term of Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., expires.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 20, 1899.

II.—Report of the Board of Trustees.

Under Item 3 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the annual report of

John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held on May 9, 1899, when the following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The second meeting was held October 5th, 1899.

The Treasurer reported that he had received one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from Lewis Shriver, to be known as the Andrew Keiser and Catharine W. Shriver Alcove Fund.

The Board was obliged to incur necessary expenses upon the building occupied by Rev. G. W. Richards, Professor of Church History, amounting to nearly eight hundred dollars (\$800).

Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander, the agent for the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund, reported that he had twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) in hand, which he is prepared to turn over to the proper authorities, after action has been taken by the Pittsburg Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary.

The Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposition of Dr. and Mrs. Swander be accepted, and that the matter be referred to the Pittsburgh Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, for such action as may be required in the premises, and that Rev. Dr. William Rupp be appointed to present this matter to the bodies above referred to.

The Treasurer reported that he had received the sum of nineteen hundred dollars (\$1,900) from the executors of the Laird Estate.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in addition to the amount that may be assumed by the Synods to meet the deficiency in the current expense account, they be requested to make full provision for the payment of the necessary improvements, recently made in the professor's house, now occupied by Professor Richards and his family, amounting to eight hundred dollars (\$800).

The attention of the Synods is respectfully called to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) toward the payment of the current expenses, and eight hundred dollars (\$800) in payment of the extraordinary expenses incurred in necessary improvements to the house occupied by Prof. Richards, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod.....	\$900.
Pittsburgh Synod.....	300.
Potomac Synod.....	600.

Resolved, That the Synod's attention be called to the fact that owing to the failure of the Synods in paying over the amounts annually required for current expenses, the treasury is constantly overdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

HELLERTOWN, Pa., Oct. 5, 1899.

JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

III.—Treasurer's Report.

LANCASTER, October 5th, 1899.

Synopsis of the Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

1899.

Oct. 1. Amount of Endowment Fund..... \$95,958 87
Dr.

1899.

Oct. 1. For sundry incomes and interest, received by
Treasurer from October 1, 1898, to October
1, 1899..... \$6,865 72
Cr.

1899.

Oct. 1. By salary account and sundry bills paid as per
vouchers, from October 1, 1898, to October
1, 1899..... \$6,262 44
By balance due Treasurer, October 1, 1898..... 4,948 76
\$11,211 20

1899.

Oct. 1. Amount Dr. brought down..... 6,865 72
Balance due Treasurer, October 1, 1899..... \$4,345 48

Seminary Aid Fund.

Dr.

1898.

Oct. 5. To amount paid by Tohickon Classis..... \$16 00
Oct. 12. To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer
Eastern Synod..... 89 00
Oct. 15. To amount paid by Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer
Potomac Synod..... 140 00
Oct. 17. To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer
Eastern Synod..... 23 00

1899.

March 8. To amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Treas-
urer Philadelphia Classis..... 3 00
April 8. To amount paid by Dr. J. H. Pennebecker,
Treasurer Lancaster Classis..... 27 25
April 11. To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer
Eastern Synod..... 24 00
May 1. To amount paid by Church of the Ascension,
Norristown..... 13 00
May 4. To amount paid by A. J. Heller, D.D., Treas-
urer Pittsburgh Synod..... 100 00
May 5. To amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Treas-
urer Philadelphia Classis..... 8 00
May 8. To amount paid by D. B. Mauger, Treasurer
Goshenhoppen Classis..... 45 94

May 10.	To amount paid by I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer To-	
	hickon Classis.....	40 83
June 1.	To amount paid by George Hill, Treasurer East	
	Susquehanna Classis....	25 81
Sept. 1.	To amount paid by Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer	
	Potomac Synod.....	242 62
Sept. 1.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer	
	Eastern Synod.....	12 00
Sept. 4.	To amount paid by A. J. Heller, D.D., Treas-	
	urer Pittsburgh Synod.....	150 00
Sept. 15.	To amount paid by Tohickon Classis, I. G. Ger-	
	hart, Treasurer.....	16 00

\$976 45

Less the sum of \$385.24, deducted and credited
to Seminary Grounds Account. Special.....

385 24

Charged to Treasurer, September 29, 1899, in
his account to the Board.....

\$591 21

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

Amount of fund is.....

1,819 96

Dr.

1898.		
Oct. 1.	For balance due fund.....	\$122 01
Oct. 1.	For interest paid by John Meily to January 1, '97,	60 00
1899.		
May 11.	For interest paid by John Meily to January 1, '98,	30 00
Sept. 11.	For interest paid by Treasurer to October 1 '99..	52 80

\$264 81

Cr.

1899.		
Oct. 1.	By sundry bills paid per orders issued by Sec-	
	retary of Seminary Faculty.....	\$119 90

Oct. 1.	Balance due fund.....	\$144 91
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Smalts Fund Account.

1899.		
	Principal is.....	\$5,000 00

Dr.

Oct. 1.	For interest received on same from October 1,	
	1898, to October 1, 1899.....	250 00

Cr.

1899.		
Oct. 1.	By amount paid John Hertzler, Treasurer of	
	Board of Education.....	\$250 00

William A. Wilt Fund.

Amount of Fund is... ..

\$833 33

1899.		
Oct. 1.	Interest on same to October 1, 1899, is \$41.66,	
	and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Ex-	
	pense Account.	

Schaff Prize Fund in Church History.

Principal is.....

\$2,000 75

1899.		
May 8.	For interest due Fund to date.....	\$114 95

CR.

1899.
May 8. By prize paid Chas. E. Correll..\$100 00
By sundry charges..... I 48
101 48

May 8. Due Fund..... \$13 47

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

Amount of Fund is..... \$465 47

DR.

1899.
May 8. For interest on Fund to date..... \$20 23

CR.

May 8. By prize paid Robt. M. Kern....\$20 00
By sundry charges..... 23
\$20 23

The John L. Riegel Fund.

Amount of Fund is..... \$15,680 00

Interest on same from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899, accounted for by Treasurer in his Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary.

Jacob Forney Seminary Alcove Fund.

Amount of Fund is..... \$1,000 00

1899.
Sept. 11. Interest due Fund to October 1, 1899.. \$189 15

CR.

1899.
Sept. 11. By sundry orders paid to date..... 43 93

Oct. 1. Balance due Fund..... \$145 22

Henry Wirt Seminary Alcove Fund.

Amount of Fund is..... \$1,000 00

1899.
Sept. 11. Interest due Fund to October 1, 1899.. \$148 33

CR.

1899.
June 23. By Moover & Co., bill paid.....\$37 65

Seminary Class 1894 Alcove Fund.

1895.
July 1. Amount of notes in hands of Treasurer..... \$981 00
Amount of notes paid..... 303 00
\$678 00

CR.

1899.
Oct. 1. By interest due Fund..... \$18 00

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

1898.
Oct. 1. Amount of principal of Fund..... \$29,864 64

1899.
March 11. Received of W. R. Barnhart..... 10 00

Oct. 1. Amount of funds..... \$29,874 64

Dr.

1898.			
Nov. 5.	For interest on Bair Mortgage to November 1, 1898.....	\$75 62	
Nov. 10.	For interest on Rumbaugh Brick Co., to November 2, 1898.....	130 50	
Nov. 12.	For interest on Greensburg Glass Co., to November 1, 1898.....	60 00	
Dec. 1.	For interest on Thomas Donohoe, to July 1, 1898.....	60 00	
Dec. 1.	To interest on Hempfield Coal Bonds, to December 1, 1898.....	435 00	
Dec. 1.	To interest on Sewickley Coal Gas Bonds, to December 1, 1898.....	30 00	
Dec. 5.	For interest on Home Mission Board, to October 16, 1898.....	48 00	
Dec. 7.	For interest on Clarion Classis, to August 1, 1898.....	52 00	
1899.			
Jan. 1.	For interest on William Rupp, D.D., to January 1, 1899.....	48 00	
Mch. 11.	For interest on Thomas Donohoe, to January 1, 1899.....	60 00	
Mch. 22.	For interest on W. R. Barnhart, to February 1, 1899.....	12 00	
May 8.	For interest on Bair Mortgage, to May 1, 1899.....	75 63	
June 1.	For interest on Hempfield Coal Bonds, to June 1, 1899.....	435 00	
June 1.	For interest on Sewickley Coal Gas Bonds, to June 1, 1899.....	30 00	
June 3.	For interest on Rumbaugh Brick Co., to May 1, 1899.....	130 50	
June 5.	For interest on Home Mission Board, to April 1, 1899.....	48 00	
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		\$1,730 25	

Cr.

1899.		
Sept. 14.	By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D.....	\$1,730 25
	Louis E. Shriver Alcove Fund.	

Dr.

1899.			
Jan. 21.	For amount of Fund.....	1,000 00	

Cr.

By interest due on same to Oct. 1, 1899	\$26 67
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Endowment Fund Statement.

1898.			
Oct. 1.	For amount of Fund reported to date.....	\$91,892 70	
Oct. 4.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, cash from the Wilhelm Estate.....	444 63	
Nov. 1.	For amount St. Paul's congregation, Fort Washington, Pa., per J. B. Henry, pastor.....	10 00	
1899.			
Jan. 1.	For amount received of John Barclay, Esq., one of the Executors of the Hon. H. P. Laird, deceased, a be-		

	quest by will of said deceased.....	\$2,000 00	
	Less State Tax on same.....	100 00	
			1,900 00
July 10.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, cash from the Wilhelm Estate, to June 3, 1899.....		1,711 54
			<u>\$95,958 87</u>

Lecture Fund Statement.

1898.		(No principal.)	
Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$11 66	
Oct. 17.	For amount paid by Pittsburgh Synod,	40 00	
1899.			
May 10.	For amount paid by Robt. M. Kern...	8 90	
			<u>\$60 56</u>
		CR.	
Oct. 1.	By orders paid to date, \$15 and \$7.....		22 00
	Due Fund.....		<u>\$38 56</u>

Statement of Funds in Hands of Treasurer.

1899.			
Oct. 1.	Endowment Fund.....	\$95,958 87	
	Library Fund.....	1,819 96	
	Smaltz Fund.....	5,000 00	
	William A. Wilt Fund.....	833 33	
	Schaff Prize Fund.....	2,000 75	
	Sacred Rhetoric Fund.....	465 47	
	John L. Riegel Fund.....	15,680 00	
	Jacob Forney Fund, Alcove.....	1,000 00	
	Henry Wirt Fund, Alcove.....	1,000 00	
	Louis E. Shriver Fund, Alcove.....	1,000 00	
	Seminary Class '94 Fund, Alcove.....	981 00	
	Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.....	29,874 64	
			<u>\$155,614 02</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,

*Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the
United States.*

LANCASTER, Oct. 5th, 1899.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we have examined same, and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES, *Committee.*

LANCASTER, Oct. 5th, 1899.

IV.—Report of the Collector of Endowment Pledges.

Under Item 6 of the Standing Committee of Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod the collector reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

As your representative appointed, a year ago, to collect outstanding funds for the endowment of a Professorship in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, I report as follows:

Owing to the lack of time it was not possible for me to make a personal canvass. I, however, sent a request to a number of pastors in whose charges subscriptions remain unpaid, and requested them to make collections. Answers from some of them declared that a large part of these subscriptions is not collectible. Under these circumstances I wrote again, requesting them to designate the subscriptions which in their opinion can be collected and which can not, and upon hearing from them I cancelled all those which were declared uncollectible. The amount of \$105 was received during the year and is now in the hands of your representative.

I would now suggest that Synod give instruction to its representative in each Classis to cancel all outstanding subscriptions and close the accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS.

V.—Report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary reported Saturday afternoon, and the report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Standing Committee on Theological Seminary offers the following for your consideration:

The papers that came into our hands are:

1. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, together with the report of the Treasurer.
2. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

From these we gather the following:

From the report of the Treasurer we note the receipt of \$1,000 from Louis Shriver to be known as the Andrew Keiser and Catharine N. Shriver Alcove Fund.

Of \$1,200 from Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., agent for the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander fund, and \$1,900 from the executors of the Laird estate.

The Board of Trustees request the sum of \$300 for current and extraordinary expenses.

Also \$100 for the support of the Professor in Elocution.

We recommend :

1. That these reports be printed in the Minutes of Synod.
2. That the request of the Board of Trustees for \$300 for current and extraordinary expenses be granted.
3. That the sum of \$100 be apportioned for the expense of the Professor in Elocution.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod learns with pleasure of the receipt of \$1,200 from Dr. J. I. Swander, to be used as directed by the Faculty of the Seminary and Pittsburgh Synod.

Resolved, (a) That this fund be used to establish a Lectureship to be known as "The Swander Lectureship."

Resolved, (b) That the Faculty of the Seminary be empowered to appoint a lecturer from year to year to fill this position.

Resolved, (c) That this Synod recommend to the Faculty of the Seminary that the Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander be appointed the first lecturer in this course.

5. That the Synod rejoices in the continued prosperity of the Theological Seminary, and it is with profound gratitude to Almighty God that we note the generous bequests during the year; commending this spirit of consecrated giving to the membership of the Church.

6. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Synod that it should not be asked to pay expenses incurred in the repairing of Professors' houses belonging to other Synods; unless houses are provided by the Seminary for all its professors.

Respectfully submitted,

	JOHN M. EVANS,
FRANK WETZEL,	W. R. BARNHART,
AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT,	S. B. ADAMS.

The report was considered by items, and the following action was taken:

Items 1, 4, (a, b, and c), 5 and 6 were adopted.

Items 2 and 3 were adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. (See Art. XX).

The report was adopted as a whole.

VI.—Traveling Expenses of the Members of the Board of Trustees.

The following resolution was adopted, Monday afternoon:

Resolved, That this Synod pay the traveling expenses of its members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, in attending the meetings of said Board.

VII.—Concerning the Management of Pittsburg Synod's Professorship Fund.

The following resolution was adopted, Monday afternoon:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its gratification at the results obtained thus far by the management of our Theological Professorship Fund on the part of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, through the agency of Elder W. R. Barnhart, that we heartily commend Bro. Barnhart for the care and diligence which he has given to this matter, and that we shall be pleased to see the Board and Bro. Barnhart to continue the same policy in the future, investing our funds where they will yield the best returns in the way of interest with entire safety of the principal.

ARTICLE XV.

I.—Report of Pittsburg Synod's Board of Missions.

The Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions reported Thursday morning. The report was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and the item of expense ordered paid by the Treasurer. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board reports as follows:

A meeting was held immediately after the election during the meeting of Synod at St. Petersburg, and the Board was re-organized by the election of D. A. Sanders as president, and Robert Bowling as secretary. It was then resolved that some member of this Board should attend all the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions of General Synod, in order to present the interests of our Synod. In this way your Board avoided the necessity and the expense of meetings during the year and secured due recognition of your interests.

Four missions were established within the bounds of our Synod during the year.

The Mission at Connellsville was organized January 22, 1899, by Westmoreland Classis, and Dr. A. J. Heller was installed as pastor. He has been busily engaged in the usual work of a missionary, and also in collecting funds for the erection of a chapel and parsonage, to cost together \$5,800. The building is now nearing completion, and will be ready for dedication about Thanksgiving. The lot for this building was purchased by the General Synod Board of Missions. The funds for the erection of the building is contributed partly by Westmoreland Classis, partly by members of the congregation, and partly by subscriptions secured by the pastor from congregations of Pittsburgh Synod.

The location of the church is excellent, being in a part of the city in which there is no church within one-fourth mile, and with a population of about 3,000 people.

Homestead and Duquesne were together constituted a missionary charge, a congregation was organized at Homestead and another at Duquesne. Rev. J. K. Adams has been appointed pastor, and receives his support from General Synod Board of Missions.

More recently a congregation has been organized at Vandergrift by Westmoreland Classis, with a membership of 54 members. Rev. D. S. Stephan has been appointed missionary for the place by the General Board, and will take charge, November 15, next. The support of the pastor is provided partly by the General Board, partly by Westmoreland Classis, and the balance by the congregation. The services are now held in a

hall, but a lot will be secured and a building erected in the near future.

The latest appointment within our bounds is that of Rev. Lewis Reiter, as pastor at Punxsutawney. More than a year ago the General Board appropriated \$100 per annum for the support of a pastor at this place, but even with this help and the amount contributed by the people it was possible to provide for a salary of \$600 only, which was found insufficient and no pastor could be secured. Clarion Classis at its annual meeting offered to pay \$300 per annum provided the congregation pays the same amount, and at the late meeting of the Executive Committee of General Synod Board, an appropriation of \$200 was added to this amount, making a salary of \$800 per annum. Thus the mission has been put on a good footing, and promises well for the future.

Two of our missions are now vacant,—New Kensington and Sharpsville.

All the missions are in a prosperous and promising condition, and most of them will be prepared to accept a reduction of the appropriation now received from the General Synod Board by the time of its annual meeting.

We rejoice the more in this prospect because under the present circumstances this will be an important factor in securing the enrollment of other mission points within our bounds.

First among these points is Pitcairn, where a congregation of twenty-six members has been organized by Allegheny Classis, and a chapel is now being erected under the direction of the Missionary Alliance of Reformed Churches of Pittsburgh and vicinity, aided by the earnest efforts of Rev. A. C. Snyder, who has been in charge of the work for the last three months, and receives his support from the Sunday School Board of General Synod.

Ford City is growing rapidly, and challenges our attention as a hopeful mission field. For the present the Board is not asked to provide any money for carrying forward this work, but we request most earnestly that pastors inform Rev. R. C. Bowling concerning members of their charges who have located at this place.

Commendable progress has been made in our Synod in developing the mission spirit and increasing offerings for this cause. The Missionary Alliance of the Reformed Church of Pittsburgh and vicinity holds monthly meetings for educational purposes and receives liberal contributions and subscriptions.

Missionary conventions have been held during the year by the Woman's Classical Missionary Societies of all the Classes, and all report an advance upon the work of last year. In addition to this several Classes have been districted, with a chairman for each district, to hold missionary and church work con-

ventions during the year, for the purpose of imparting information and cultivating interest in missions and in progressive church work.

Your Board incurred expenses during the year amounting to \$11.40.

The term of Rev. D. A. Souders as a member of this Board expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS, *President*.

II.—Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Under Item 1 of the report of the Standing Committee of Overtures was presented the report of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and is as follows:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

In compliance with custom we hereby submit a brief annual report. As the Minutes of General Synod, which are also officially before you, contain the Triennial Report of this Board, in which the work is fully and in detail set forth up to May 1, 1899, this report is limited to what has been done and projected since that date, together with such suggestions as the present conditions seem to demand.

RE-ORGANIZATION.—The Board was re-organized on May 27th, 1899, as follows: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., president; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., vice-president; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., secretary; Elder Geo. W. Stein, treasurer; Elder C. M. Boush, Esq., treasurer of Church Building Funds, and attorney of the Board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The Executive Committee consists of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Rev. J. A. Peters, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D.

THE BOARD.—The members of the Board have freely given themselves to the work and have been faithful to their responsible trusts. To know the conditions, to discriminate, and to systematically arrange for the vital needs of the several missions, demands the highest and most consecrated characteristics.

OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.—Our Superintendents are men of large experience, good judgment, untiring energy and consecrated zeal. They are acceptably filling delicate, difficult, responsible and wearing positions.

OUR MISSIONARIES.—Our Missionaries are as a class faithful and aggressive. Some of them are doing heroic work, and enduring hardships without the apparent appreciation of the Church. The Lord is sustaining His servants in the field. May He give His Church grace to feel the inspiration of the

calls of His Providence, to do her part, in sustaining them by prayer, sympathy and money.

OUR MISSIONS.—Our Missions are well organized and well conducted. There is just now an unusual activity in church building. Eight west of the Alleghenies and one or more east of the mountains, are erecting houses of worship, while others are improving their church property. The average contributions of our Missions per member is above that of the established congregations of the Church. Our Missions were never in a more hopeful and prosperous condition. A grand foundation has been laid for the future, and it has been done in the face of many hindrances.

INSURANCE.—The Board has directed that proper insurance shall be had, by all the Missions on their church property.

HUNGARIANS.—The Hungarian work is advancing. The Board has taken the necessary steps to assure proper church relations, and that only such methods and practices, as are in full harmony with the Church in this country, shall be observed among them.

Rev. Stephen Virag who was called from Hungary to be a travelling missionary here among his scattered countrymen, arrived, and was commissioned July 22d, 1899. The money for the support of this missionary for two years, has been provided outside of the appropriations for our ordinary work.

Hungarian Missionaries shall hereafter accept yearly reductions in their support as do the English Missionaries.

BOHEMIANS.—The Bohemian congregation organized at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Erie Classis has come under the care of this Board. A lot has been purchased, and a church is now being built, to cost about \$2,500.

The Board has also secured a lot for the Bohemian congregation at Chicago, Ill., on which a church will soon be built.

MICHAEL SCHLATTER MEMORIAL FUND.—The scheme to raise \$100,000 as a Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund for church building purposes, inaugurated during the Sesqui-Centennial services, has resulted in some Church Building Funds and other smaller amounts, which have been reported by the treasurer of this fund. The scheme deserves to be pushed until the full amount is realized.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.—Our Church Building Funds are steadily growing. "*The Catechumens Fund*" has been completed. Amount \$500. A new one has also been added to the list since the published report, namely "*The Martha M. Simmons Church Building Fund.*" Amount \$500. Given September 13, 1899, by her sisters, Mrs. Catharine S. Jacobs, Mrs. Georgianna A. Simmons, and the Misses Elizabeth G., Emma B., and Ella V. Houck, of Frederick, Md.

Here is a vital point at which people of means may help

God's cause, and at the same time create an abiding memorial for themselves, or some friend, living or dead, that will be a blessing to unborn generations.

Special attention is hereby called to the descriptive list of Church Building Funds in the recent Triennial Report.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—The Church Extension feature of our work has grown rapidly and has become a very important factor. Its usefulness is only limited by the funds placed at our disposal. The careful study of the report of the treasurer of this fund, will reveal an expansion in this phase of our work that ought to prove an inspiration.

MANUAL.—A manual containing the Charter, Rules and Regulations for the management of the business of the Board has been published. It also contains forms for deeds, charters, bequests, model constitution for a congregation, together with designs for chapels and churches. Copies of the Manual can be secured from the several superintendents of the Board.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.—*The Reformed Church Tidings* has been published for the past three years at a considerable annual loss. Its usefulness, however, justifies its continuance. It now appears in a modified but improved form with some change in price. A copy of this paper ought to go into every family of the Church. The spread of missionary literature is like leaven in the meal. It works silently but surely till the whole body is leavened.

FINANCES.—At the meeting of General Synod, we reported ourselves without debt. Since then, however, our income has not met our expenses. At the July meeting we were compelled to borrow money. The amount borrowed will scarcely be all in the treasury at the October meeting, when we must have over \$9,000 to pay our missionaries their dues. We are again one quarter in arrears. Shall this condition of things continue? The statement of this fact ought to burn into the conscience of every careless and neglectful church member, until they have been aroused to duty. Let there be an awakening all along the line.

FORWARD, THE WATCHWORD.—The policy and plans of the Board looking toward enlarged work was approved by General Synod, and we were authorized to go forward. As a Church, we are entering a new era of missionary activity. We are beginning to realize that our responsibilities are greater than the taking care of our own material. Our conception is broader than that of our fathers, and we need to cultivate a more liberal spirit. We are planning and planting for the future. We must use our men and means to the best advantage. This is the problem before us and requires prayerful and careful study.

Great cities are rapidly increasing in number. Earnest calls are coming to us from many of these centres, and if we as

a Church are to have a future in this country we must respond to them.

New work has been assumed at Vandergift, Pa., La-Harpe, Kan., Alliance, O., North-east Baltimore, Md., Bay City, Mich., Greensboro and High Point, N. C., and a Bohemian mission in Cleveland, O.

Other points are under investigation and consideration; notably, Allegheny City, Pa., Cleveland, O., Indianapolis, Ind., Omaha, Neb., and Des Moines, Ia.

If we are to continue to be a factor in the moulding of the destinies of the nation we must establish our Church firmly in these growing centres. It is true there are difficulties in the way, but they are not insurmountable. It will require self-denial, sacrifice and patient endurance in well doing, but what really good thing can be secured in any direction without these? The opportunity is at the door and it creates our responsibility.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.—The conviction has been growing in the Board that more help was needed to secure the funds necessary to carry forward our increasing work. This fact was communicated to General Synod, with the suggestion that the office of Financial Secretary be authorized. The suggestion was approved. We have created the office and called to it Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, of Huntington, Pa. He has accepted our call and entered upon the work Sept. 1, 1899.

Rev. Creitz speaks acceptably in both the German and English languages, has had seven years of successful pastoral experience, and has other special qualifications to fit him for the position. For the present his time will be given to the eastern portion of the Church. He is ready to co-operate with pastors and consistories in such way as shall, after mutual conference, promise the best results. He will aid in disseminating missionary intelligence, and in helping to inspire a new spirit and new energy to develop the financial possibilities at hand in many places. If you will give him your confidence and co-operation, good results will follow.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.—The Twentieth Century Movement for Home Missions, as approved by General Synod, is in process of inauguration. The Special Committee appointed by General Synod, to which the scope and details of the plan was committed, held a meeting, is maturing the scheme, and will in due time report to the Church.

The scheme, in addition to creating and circulating special literature, comprehends a series of church work conventions in all the classes, including sermons, addresses, prayers and offerings, whereby the people shall be encouraged to give themselves and their possessions unreservedly to the Lord and His sacred cause. "Facts are the finger of God." To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelli-

gent interest. The purpose is to give these facts to the people; to show the way in which they can be brought and kept before the people. If this is done we expect to greatly increase the interest in the work.

INCREASED FUNDS ASSUMED.—General Synod not only authorized a forward movement, but with faith in God and in the membership of the Church, assumed to provide a decided increase in funds.

The amount assumed annually for the next three years is \$65,000, to be applied as follows: \$50,000 annually for English missions; \$8,000 for Hungarian and Bohemian missions; \$6,000 for German missions in large cities, and \$1,100 for Harbor missions. The \$50,000 is apportioned to the five English Synods only, while the other amounts are apportioned alike to each of the eight Synods.

The whole amount is \$7,100 more than was assumed three years ago. This indicates progress; the work is expanding; the Church is growing. These amounts can be raised, if we have the will to do so. How much will it be per member? The \$50,000 will require of the English Synods 28 cents per member. The Hungarian and Bohemian work calls for 3½ cents per member; the German work a little over 2 cents, and the Harbor mission work about ½ cent. This makes a little less than 34 cents which, together with the 6 cents for Church Extension, makes a total of not quite 40 cents per member for Home Mission work in all departments. Who will say the amount is too large? Where is the congregation in which it would involve a hardship to average this amount? We can and we ought to contribute much more than this.

AGGRESSIVE WORK.—If the Board is to do the aggressive work outlined and sanctioned by the General Synod, then the full amount assumed must be accepted by the several District Synods and Classes; and further, prompt, systematic and energetic measures must be introduced to put the money into the treasury of the Board. We cannot "make brick without straw." It is bad policy and worse economy to compel the Board to borrow money from time to time to carry forward the work. What is admissible in an emergency becomes ruinous as a practice. The money paid as interest would sustain an efficient mission at some vital centre of population. The Church *can* provide all the money assumed. Let us resolve that by the help of God we *will* do it.

ENTHUSIASM.—If the same enthusiasm that pervaded General Synod can be evoked in the District Synods, Classes and Church Work Conventions, so that the contagion will lay hold of our pastors and people, we shall have all the men and the money we need for our work. No more vital question will come before your Reverend Body than missions. Give an

evening, or better still, a session to the consideration of this subject. The more you study and discuss it the more your souls will glow with warmth, and an enthusiasm will be begotten, that will infect the whole Church, and produce results, that will prove a blessing to you, and to the cause of missions, whereby God will be greatly honored. To this end let us work and pray. May the Head of the Church bless the means employed and hasten the day of awakened enthusiasm, of consecrated energy and of generous offerings.

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President*.

III.—A Communication from the Secretary of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

Under Item 14 of the report of the Standing Committee of Overtures was read the report of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions, communicating to your Reverend Body a statement of the condition, successes and outlook of our foreign work, feels that the fullest and most satisfactory exhibit it can make, is to lay before you the report it made to the General Synod at its late meeting in the city of Tiffin, Ohio, last May, a copy of which we herewith send you. That report contains a full exhibit of the condition of our work in Japan, up, practically, to the present time.

The action of General Synod in response to that report, is fully set forth in the report presented to that body by its Standing Committee on Missions, embodied in the published minutes of its proceedings, which, doubtless, is in possession of your body, which renders it unnecessary to repeat it in this communication. Yielding to the pressure of a sentiment, widespread throughout our Church, that the time had come for an extension of our foreign work, the General Synod directed the Foreign Board to plant a new Mission in the Empire of China; as also to reinforce our growing Japan work by sending out three additional missionaries—two men, and one lady. The recent resignation of Miss Mary C. Hollowell, has made it necessary to increase the number of ladies to two, instead of one, as directed by General Synod.

The Board hastened to take steps to carry out the work laid upon it by General Synod. At its last meeting on September 12th, ult., it resolved to establish a mission, consisting of two missionaries in the Province of Hunan in China. Yielding to the importunate urgency of Rev. W. E. Hoy, he was transferred from Japan to the proposed new Mission in China.

then directed the Secretary to issue a call for three male missionaries for Japan and China, and two ladies for the Girls' School in Sendai. The call was accordingly issued in the Church Papers, and such has been the encouraging response as to make it more than probable that the number desired will be appointed at the meeting of the Board, to convene November 7, prox.

Since the revised treaties have gone into effect in Japan, the Educational Department of the Government has adopted such regulations for the management of Schools as may seriously interfere with the educational work of Christian Missions. The crux of the matter is, the prohibition of all religious teaching and worship in all schools enjoying Government privileges. Any schools imparting religious instructions will do so outside the pale of the privileges, extended by the Government to those legally established. Our Mission has not yet informed the Board how our schools will be affected. We may lose many of our scholars. Our information, as yet, is from the newspapers. We, however, do not despair. We rely upon a power who holds the nations in the hollow of His hands, and in due time He will work His holy will. Meanwhile we press forward in faith.

Recent intelligence is to the effect that Miss Zurfluh is suffering with an attack of typhoid fever. We commend her to the prayers of God's people.

In conclusion, the Board would most respectfully and importunately urge your Reverend Body to give to the enlarged measures and appropriations adopted by General Synod, your most cordial and effective support and co-operation, that, with God's blessing the work may go forward without let or hindrance.

By order of the Board.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Oct. 12, 1899.

IV.—The Twentieth Century Movement.

Under Item 11 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures the following communication was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions:

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 11, 1899.

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: At a meeting of General Synod's Committee on the "Twentieth Century Movement," the following action was taken, which we present to your Synod for consideration:

Resolved, That this General Synod's Committee calls the

special attention of the District Synods to the resolution marked No. 21, page 90, in the General Synod's Minutes.

WHEREAS, The General Synod at its late Triennial Sessions in Tiffin, Ohio, adopted "The Twentieth Century Movement," proposed by the Board of Home Missions, therefore

Resolved, That in order to co-operation in this movement each Synod be requested to appoint a committee of three, one of whom shall be the representative of the Synod appointed by the General Synod, that each Classis be requested to appoint a committee of three, and that Classis request each consistory to appoint a committee of three in the congregation.

GEO. F. BAREIS,

Secretary.

E. R. ESCHBACH,

Pres. of 20th Century Movement.

V.—The Report of the Standing Committee on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported Monday morning. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee on Missions would respectfully report that the following papers have been placed in its hands.

1. The annual report of the Board of Home Missions.
2. The report of the Board of Missions of Pittsburgh Synod.
3. A communication from Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President of the Twentieth Century Movement.
4. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions.
5. Item 2 from report of Minutes of Classes, in reference to appointing a missionary superintendent for Pittsburgh Synod.

After reading the reports of the various Boards of the Church, and seeing the advance that has been made in all departments of mission work, we feel like bowing in humble gratitude to Almighty God for the large measure of blessing which has been poured out upon the Church.

1. In spite of difficulties, the Board of Home Missions has gone steadily forward, and especially at their late meeting they seem to have been filled with a greater spirit of faith and confidence in the people to respond to the growing needs of the day, and we believe they will not be disappointed.

The missionary spirit of the General Synod, which convened in Tiffin, O., in May, seems to have fired the Boards with new zeal, and we heartily give our confidence to them for their zealous and energetic efforts in carrying forward the work, trusting in God and our beloved Reformed people.

2. From the report of Pittsburgh Synod's Board, we learn that promising missions have been opened during the past year in Connellsville, Duquesne, Homestead and Vander-

grift, and that Pitcairn and Ford City will in all probability soon be enrolled upon the list of new missions for Pittsburgh Synod.

Surely we have reasons for rejoicing that the Church of the martyrs is being established in these growing cities, and would respectfully urge the Synod's Board to keep before the mind of the General Board the promising territory in and around the great city of Pittsburgh in the firm belief that no section of the Church offers greater opportunity for large returns than does this.

In view of the fact that the Board of Home Missions has again been compelled to borrow money to meet its obligations and is now calling for funds, we urge the pastors, through the Classes, to renewed efforts in awakening the people under their care, that while the harvest is ready we may thrust in and reap: that while it is called today we may consecrate not only our lives, but our means to this most blessed work.

3. We heartily commend the action taken by General Synod's committee on the "Twentieth Century Movement," and recommend the appointment of committees of three from Synod, Classes and Consistories to co-operate in their great forward movement for the kingdom of God.

4. As to the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, our thanks are due to Almighty God for His continued favor and blessing upon our work in spreading the Gospel in Japan. Our work there has been broadening and deepening in its influence, and we need to expect every energy to advance and promote the efforts of our Board and missionaries in that far-away land. We note with pleasure that the Foreign Board also has taken on new life and with faith in the people, is pressing forward in compliance with the ringing utterances of our late General Synod, that we go into China and possess the land in the name of our King and Master.

Forward! Forward! is the call!

We urge a hearty response to that call, to accept the apportionment laid upon us by General Synod for this work, to press on with faith in God and take possession of that which He is placing in our hands. The doors are open, the great walls have been broken down. The Macedonian call, "Come over and help us," is ringing in our ears, and surely we will respond most heartily to the command of our great Captain.

We learn with feelings of great sadness of the illness of one of our missionaries in Japan, Miss Zurfluh, and commend her to the loving care of our Heavenly Father and the prayers of His people, that her life, so willingly consecrated to the great work of saving souls in a heathen land, may be spared and made a blessing to that end.

5 We would again commend the "Reformed Church

Tidings" to our people, and ask that the Classes take renewed action in securing it a place within our homes, so that the people, being informed on the general workings of the Church at large, may be influenced to help forward the great work of Missions, both at home and abroad.

6. We recommend the following apportionments:

Home Missions.....	\$4,550
Harbor Missions.....	85
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.....	600
Foreign Missions.....	2,975

Also an apportionment of six cents per member for Church Extension.

7. In regard to the item referred to us from the Committee on Minutes of Classes we would say that while we believe a Synodical Missionary to work within our bounds would no doubt accomplish a good work, yet, because of the splendid work done by our Home Board during the past year, and the added expense of supporting such a missionary, we do not deem it advisable to create such an office at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. C. L. ALSPACH.

C. M. HARTZELL.

H. F. TEXTER.

GEO. E. LIMBERT.

R. C. SINN.

Committee.

VI.—Twentieth Century Movement Committee.

On Monday morning the President appointed, in accordance with the recommendation of the report of the Standing Committee on Missions, the following committee on the Twentieth Century Movement: Revs. A. K. Kline, U. C. E. Gutelius, and Lewis Reiter.

ARTICLE XVI.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I.—Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions reported Saturday afternoon. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions would respectfully report that the only item of business claiming our attention was the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute. This institution, as appears from this report, is still in operation, with Prof. W. L. Smith at the head. From the meager nature of the report your Board is unable to state to your Reverend Body the exact

status of this school. The number of students in attendance is not stated, nor is the financial condition of the school given, while there are some discouraging features of the work. It is not without its difficulties also. And the hope is expressed that Providence may yet open up a way by which this institution may attain to greater usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. LEADER.

J. F. SNYDER.

II.—Report of Franklin and Marshall College.

Under Item 4 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning and is as follows:

To the Rev. Pittsburgh Synod:

At the last annual commencement the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon the thirty-four members of the graduating class, as follows: Robert Lee Bair, Frank Kauffman Baker, Henry Kreitzer Benson, John Henry Bridenbaugh, Edwin David Bright, William Peiper Cooper, Ernest Newton Evans, Joseph Elmer Guy, Martin Mylin Harnish, George Calvin Hay, William Stager Helman, Paul Adams Herr, Edwin Roulette Keedy, Oliver Blaine Kern, Henri Louis Grandlienard Kieffer, William Aaron Kunkle, Aaron Miller Longenecker, Harry David Martin, Walter Franklin Martin, Elwood Ankney McLaughlin, Waldemar Eric Metzenthin, Franklin Pierce Miller, Sylvester Zerphy Moore, Edgar Charles Nagle, James Oliver Oswald, Guy Sprenkle Rebert, Charles Henry Remsburg, Edwin Tracy Rhodes, Frederick Biesecker Shaffer, John Hamilton Smith, Hugh Andrews Stahr, John Barr Stauffer, Spencer Doyle Wareheim, Wilson Alfred Wert.

The degree of A.M., in course, was conferred upon the following graduates: Paul Cessna Gerhart (to be added to last year's list), Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, C. Reese Eby, Esq., Rev. J. Harvey Mickley, Rev. Theo. C. Hesson, K. C. H. Dreschel, A. Lee Shulenberger, M. S. H. Unger, H. D. Beachley, Paul Lambert Gerhard, Robert H. Bowers, John Atlee Nauman, Esq.

At the request of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary the degree of B.D. was conferred on the Rev. Addison C. Snyder.

For meritorious work in historical research, the degree of Ph.D. was conferred upon J. Watts de Peyster.

The following received the honorary degree of D.D.: The Revs. D. B. Schneder, L. Kryder Evans, Walter E. Krebs, and John P. Stein.

The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon the Hon. John B. McPherson, of Harrisburg.

The last college year was in all respects satisfactory and prosperous. The total enrollment, as was anticipated at the beginning of the last year, was not quite as large as that of the year before, and yet the attendance was good and exhibited what may fairly be called a steady *average* increase. The whole number on the roll during the year, including two graduates and six special students, was one hundred and sixty-five. The number of new students admitted this year is considerably larger than last year, consisting of fifty-one Freshmen and specials, four Sophomores and three Juniors, making fifty-eight new students in all.

The prosperous condition of the Academy, to which attention was called in the last annual report as especially noteworthy, continues, and the attendance in this department is much larger than ever before. The Academy opened this year with an actual attendance of one hundred and ten (110). The large building is filled to overflowing, and a few of the older students are rooming in private houses. The teaching force has also been increased and the outlook is most hopeful and encouraging.

The Faculty of the College was increased by the addition of three new professors at the beginning of the present year. Professor Claude B. Davis, who has been instructor in Elocution and Oratory, has been made Professor of this department, and he will give his time to the work during the whole year. Dr. H. S. Wingert has been appointed Professor of Physical Culture and Director of the Gymnasium, and he will devote all his time to the work of this department during the year. Through the generosity of the President of the Board of Trustees, the Honorable George F. Baer, who made himself responsible for the salary of the Professor of Modern Languages for two years, the College has been put in a position to secure what has so long been needed, a Professor who will give all his time to instruction in French and German. Dr. William Kurrelmeyer, of Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed to this important position, and has entered upon the duties of his Professorship.

In response to the requests which have come to the Board of Trustees from different quarters, the course of studies in the College has been to some extent modified and rearranged. The old course of study is maintained as heretofore, allowing, however, a little more margin for elective studies. Analytical Geometry is made an elective, and so is Greek, from the beginning of the Junior year. Room is also made for a course of study in which Greek may be begun at the beginning of the Freshman year. This is especially intended for those who are

well advanced in Latin, Mathematics and Modern Languages, but have no opportunity to study Greek. In addition to this, a course of study has been established in which Greek is replaced by Modern Languages and a larger proportion of Science and Mathematics.

It will be seen, thus, that facilities are provided for effective work in all the different departments, and room is made for the thorough training of students who do not care to take the full classical course. In taking this step, however, it is not intended to lower the standard of admission. A full equivalent of preliminary study and training will be expected of all applicants, whether they take the full classical course or not.

There has been no marked financial change in the condition of the College during the past year. Some of the invested funds were paid back and had to be reinvested, entailing a slight loss of interest, and, as during the previous year, the expenditures exceeded the income. The deficit at the end of the year was about three thousand dollars. This condition of things plainly shows the necessity of increasing the endowment fund. The running expenses of the institution have been increased because of new buildings and additional facilities offered to the students. Inasmuch as instruction in Elocution is offered during the whole year, the department of Physical Culture is better provided for than ever before, and hospital accommodations, in case of sickness, are offered to the students, it has been found expedient to increase the College fees from \$15 to \$20 per term.

The great need of the institution at this time is undoubtedly the completion of the projected Science Building. A year ago the Board of Trustees resolved that the erection of the building should be undertaken as soon as \$20,000 had been pledged for this purpose. At the late meeting of the Board of Trustees it appeared that this amount was definitely in sight, and it was accordingly resolved to begin the erection as speedily as possible. The difficulty of securing suitable plans has caused some delay, but the matter is now well in hand, and it is expected to go forward with the work as rapidly as circumstances and the season will permit, in order that the building may be ready for use by the beginning of the next college year. It is of vital importance, therefore, that adequate funds for the erection of the building be speedily provided, and this enterprise is most urgently recommended to the three Synods for their hearty co-operation.

The vacancy caused in the Board of Trustees by the death of the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple has been filled by the appointment of B. Frank Fatackenthal, Esq., of Riegelsville, Pa. The term of service of J. W. Wetzel, Esq., C. C. Leader, and the Hon. W. U. Hensel, expires during the present year. Mr.

Hensel is appointed by the Board of Trustees, Mr. Wetzel by the Synod of the Potomac, and Mr. Leader by the Eastern Synod. It will, accordingly devolve upon these two Synods to fill the first two vacancies by an election held during the present session.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President.*

III.—A Communication from Catawba College.

Under Item 16 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read a communication from Catawba College which was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Catawba College, located at Newton, North Carolina, is the educational institution of the Reformed Church in the south. To it our Church largely owes her existence in North Carolina. During many years of discouragement this school has been the centre around which the scattered forces of the Church have rallied. Catawba College was chartered by the General Assembly of the State in 1853, but the school had been opened for the admission of students in the autumn of 1851. An endowment of nearly \$60,000 was lost in the ruin of the civil war, and the College was left helpless. But her influence as a high school continued, and hundreds of young men and women received here preparation for the Junior class in College and for various avocations of usefulness in life. In 1885 the original charter was resumed. The first class was graduated in 1889, and others have followed regularly since.

With limited resources the College has done much for the Reformed Church in the South. Nearly all the ministers in the Classis of North Carolina received their collegiate training up to the third year in this institution, and seven of them as well as one in the Classis of Virginia are full graduates; and besides there are four of her graduates now in the theological schools of the Church. There are also several young men in the College having the ministry in view. The late Maj. S. M. Finger, who was for eight years State Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina, was educated chiefly in Catawba College. Hon. Chas. H. Mebane, who now fills this responsible office, is a graduate of this institution.

The College has an endowment fund in bonds and cash amounting to \$14,000. The Synod of the Potomac has pledged an addition of \$17,000. A friend has donated property worth \$8,000, and still another friend has given a \$500 scholarship.

The Trustees of the College realize that the institution at

this time faces the stern necessity of improved equipments and additional buildings. These are absolutely required for the successful prosecution of the work in the future. The present buildings, equipments and grounds, virtually free from incumbrance, have been paid for almost entirely by the handful of Reformed people in North Carolina, and are worth \$12,000. The Trustees, having decided to make the necessary improvements, and believing that the Reformed Church will hear an appeal from her children in the south for help in this undertaking, most respectfully and earnestly ask your Reverend Body to grant an appropriation of \$1,500 towards this work, to be paid in such annual sums as the Synod may designate.

P. M. TREXLER, *Secretary*.

NEWTON, N. C., Oct. 5, 1899.

IV.—Report of the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning reported Monday. The report was considered by items, amended and adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee on Institutions of Learning beg leave to report that the following papers have been referred to us:

1. Report and catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College, the Woman's College at Frederick, Md.; the College for Women, at Allentown, and Catawba College, at Newton, N. C.
2. The reports of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, the report of Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute, and a communication from Trustees of Catawba College.

From these sources we learn:

1st. That Franklin and Marshall College continues to advance in every department and that the curriculum has been so modified as to provide for more elective studies and give room for a more extensive study of the Modern Languages and the Sciences; also that the Science Building is to be erected during the present year, and be ready at the beginning of the scholastic year.

2d. The report of Trustees of Clarion Collegiate Institute is very brief, but we learn from it that the encouragement and patronage of this Synod is requested by the Board.

3d. The catalogue of the Woman's College, and the address of President Apple before Synod, both show that prosperity and progress characterized the work of the year, and invite the patronage of our people.

4th. Catawba College has had a prosperous year. The number of students has increased to such an extent as to call for enlarged facilities, and with this in view the Trustees ask this Synod to appropriate \$1,500.

Your committee present the following for your consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the prosperity of F. and M. College and Academy, and that the Science Building is to be erected this year; and we recommend that the classical committees appointed for the purpose, co-operate with the Financial Secretary in securing, during this year, the money promised by this Synod.

2. That we commend the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., and the College for Women at Allentown, to the patronage of our people.

3. *Resolved*, That we are pleased to learn of the growth of Catawba College and it was resolved that this Synod, for the present year, apports tentatively \$500 (five hundred dollars) for Catawba College, and that this amount be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. S. GLESSNER.

D. A. H. SOUDERS.

JOHN G. CHAFFEY.

U. O. H. KERSCHNER.

L. BERLIN.

V.—Report of the Permanent Committee on Endowment of F. and M. College.

The Permanent Committee on the Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College reported Friday morning. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee on permanent endowment of Franklin and Marshall College would report that the Field Secretary visited a number of charges within the bounds of Westmoreland Classis in the early part of the synodical year just closed, and received contributions for the cause. The committee, however, did not feel itself called upon to perform any definite work in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL.

A. J. HELLER.

A. M. KEIFER.

D. A. SOUDERS.

U. O. H. KERSCHNER.

The following are the members of Permanent Endowment Committee: Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., D. A. Souders, A. M. Keifer, U. O. H. Kerschner and A. H. Smith.

ARTICLE XVII.

EDUCATION.

I.—Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The Board of Beneficiary Education reported Thursday afternoon. The report was adopted and referred to the Standing Committees on Education and Finance, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board begs to report that all the duties pertaining to their work received due attention and care during the past year.

Seven students were under our care and received financial aid from the Board during the year. Of these, two completed their theological course at Lancaster, viz., W. S. Fisher and Charles H. Faust, and have been ordained to the holy ministry and are now laboring within the bounds of this Synod. All pursued their studies at our institution at Lancaster except Perry C. Byers, whom the Board, for sufficient reasons, permitted to remain at Grove City College.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BOARD.

Balance in treasury at last statement.. . . .	\$	01
Received from Treasurer of Synod	1,051	99
Total received	\$1,052	00
Amount expended...	\$1,052	00

Rev. Dr. Wm. Rupp's term as a member of the Board, expires at this Synod.

To carry on this work for the coming year, we ask Synod to appropriate \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education reported Monday afternoon. The report was adopted and the sum asked referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Education beg leave to offer the following report:

The only paper referred to us, is the report of Board of Beneficiary Education.

1. We recommend that the report be printed in the Minutes of this Synod. From this report we learn that the term of Dr. Rupp, as a member of this Board, expires at this time.

We are pleased to learn that our beneficiary students are faithful; and that as they are graduated from year to year, they are found willing and able to enter the open fields awaiting pastors.

2. We recommend that our Board continue to exercise the same care as heretofore in this matter.

3. We further recommend that the \$1,000 asked, be granted the Board for carrying forward its work.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. BOWLING.

ALFRED M. SCHAFFNER.

THOS. S. LAND.

J. M. BYERS.

JOHN H. FOX.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

I.—Annual Report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The report of the Board of Publication was read by the Secretary of the Board Thursday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committees on Publication and Nominations. The report is as follows:

To the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: In order to present to your Reverend Bodies a full and clear exhibit of the condition of your publication affairs at the close of the third year of the present management, we submit for your examination, first of all, the report of the Treasurer of the Board and that of the Business Manager. The first is given in summarized form, the second in full.

The report of Treasurer is as follows:

REPORT OF JAMES T. REBER, TREASURER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, SEPT. 22, 1899.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

September 15th, 1898, Balance in Treasury.....	\$221 40	
From interest during the year.....	208 19	
From principal paid during the year.....	2,800 00	
From bonus by Sunday-school Board.....	1,000 00	
From final balance of Fisher Estate.....	18 58	
	<hr/>	\$4,248 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

For expenses of Board meetings.....	\$126 00	
For Printing Report.....	8 50	
For Premium and Accrued Interest.....	74 33	
For Reading & Columbia R. R. Co. Mort. Bonds.	4,000 00	
Balance in Treasury, September 22, 1899.....	39 34	
	<hr/>	\$4,248 17

INVESTMENTS, SEPTEMBER 22, 1899.

Mort. Bond, Massillon Church, Massillon, O.....	\$1,000 00	
Mort. Bond, Youngstown Ch., Youngstown, O..	1,000 00	
Mortgage Bonds, Reading & Columbia R. R.....	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,000 00

The Treasurer's books and report in detail were audited by J. H. Stein, and found correct.

By comparing this report with the report of the Treasurer of last year, it will be seen that the invested funds have been increased by \$1,200.00. Adding to the \$6,000.00 invested, the sum of \$1,878.94, which is the amount placed in the plant as working capital, gives the whole amount belonging to the Treasury of the Board, or \$7,878.94.

The report of the Business Manager is as follows:

**THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REV. C. R. FERNER,
BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH
PUBLICATION BOARD, FROM JUNE 30, 1898, TO JUNE
30, 1899.**

I.

Cash on hand June 30, 1898, as per last statement..... \$1,989 19

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

For "Messenger".....	\$9,591 33	
For "Review".....	628 85	
For Book Store.....	8,717 84	
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		\$20,918 21

EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR.

For "Messenger".....	\$9,656 98	
For "Review".....	643 82	
For Book Store.....	6,195 07	
	<hr/>	\$16,495 87
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Balance cash in bank, June 30, 1899..... \$4,422 34

II.

Resources of the Board.

ASSETS.

Cash in bank.....	\$4,422 34	
Invoices of Stock on hand.....	4,071 66	
Due on Accounts in Book Store.....	1,093 14	
Due from subscriptions to "Messenger".....	6,260 00	
Due from Advertisements in "Messenger".....	450 00	
Due from Subscriptions to "Review".....	330 00	
	<hr/>	\$16,627 14

LIABILITIES.

Balance on Working Capital Advanced.....	\$1,878 94	
Advance Subscriptions paid on "Messenger"....	1,789 60	
Advance Subscriptions paid on "Review".....	151 00	
Accounts Overpaid in Book Store.....	14 00	
Bills Payable, Printers for "Messenger".....	474 64	
" " Contributors to "Messenger".....	96 00	
" " Book Store.....	58 42	
	<hr/>	\$4,462 60

Balance..... \$12,165 54

J. H. Stein and H. M. Housekeeper, two members of the Board, were appointed an auditing committee, who reported that they had examined the books and accounts of the manager from July 1st, 1898, to July 1st, 1899, "and found everything correct."

From the above financial statement of the manager, it will be seen that the receipts from the periodicals and book store were \$1,332.13 greater this year than last, and the expenditures for the same objects, \$98.44 less, showing \$1,430.57 in favor of the year just closed. It will also be seen that the assets exceed the liabilities by \$12,165.54. These last figures show the net earnings of the establishment during the three years of the present management.

The assets we believe to be good. The only items whose face value could not be converted into so much cash money, are the sums due on the periodicals, but if these were discounted at 50 per cent. there would still remain about \$9,000.00 of net earnings, an average of about \$3,000.00 annually, which is the best showing your Board has been able to make for many years past.

The attention of the Synod is called to the large sum due on subscriptions to the "Messenger." The manager's efforts to have subscribers pay more promptly have met with only partial success. We ask the co-operation of the pastors of the Synods in our endeavors to remedy this evil.

By examining the statement under consideration it will be learned that the "Messenger" again failed to pay for itself, though it came much nearer doing so than last year. The deficit this year is only \$65.65; last year it was \$1,294.94. If the subscriptions were paid punctually according to the conditions, the "Messenger" would not only pay all the expenses incurred in its behalf, but also produce a balance in its favor annually, and thus open the way for a reduction of the subscription price.

Last year we reported to your bodies that Rev. John N. Naly had been secured as General Agent for the Board, who was to visit the Synods and devote his whole time to systematic labors in the interests of the publications of the Church. Mr. Naly, however, finally declined to serve. Afterwards Rev. H. N. Bassler was secured to act in the proposed capacity, but at the end of five months he resigned the position, and the Board has not yet been able to find any one else to take his place. We still are of the conviction that such an agent is very much needed, and we trust we may be able to secure one in the near future.

The request continues to be made in different sections of the Church for a reduction of the price of the "Messenger." The subscription price has been reduced at various times in the past, but no further reduction can be made at this time, unless the general character and grade of the paper be lowered or the subscription list materially increased. We do not believe that it would be wise to do the first, and we do not have any very great hopes that the second will be accomplished very soon. But in our judgment the Board, the manager, the Synods and the pastors ought to put forth united and persistent efforts to give the paper a much wider circulation, and thus prepare the way for a reduction of the subscription price. As a matter of encouragement, we would state that during the months of July and August last, over four hundred names were added to the subscription list, and that the circulation is now several hundred copies larger than it was at any time in

the last two years. But while on this point we would add yet, that compared with the prices paid for family papers published by other Churches, the subscription price of the "Messenger" is not too high.

During the year your Board appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Ohio Synod with reference to the advisability of uniting the eastern and western papers. This committee subsequently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them but that the conditions were not favorable at present to the opening of negotiations on the subject. Your Board took the above action in obedience to a resolution passed by the Pittsburgh Synod at its last year's sessions.

In compliance with the actions of the Synods last year, the Publication and Sunday-school Boards met in Philadelphia on the 22d and 23d days of February, 1899, and appointed committees who should endeavor to adjust the difficulties between the two Boards. These committees met on the 11th of May, and after much discussion and deliberation entered into an additional agreement which was signed by all the members of the committees and afterwards approved by the two Boards. In this agreement your Board did not secure all they claimed they were entitled to, but it was the best to which the representatives of the Sunday-school Board felt themselves able to agree. The agreement is as follows, and is now submitted to your Reverend Bodies for approval.

Agreement made and concluded this 11th day of May, 1899, between Conrad Clever, Calvin S. Gerhard and Rufus W. Miller, a committee of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church, and James T. Reber, A. E. Truxal and W. Rush Gillan, a committee of the Reformed Church Publication Board. In order to adjust the differences existing between the two Boards, it is hereby agreed that from and after the 1st day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, each Board shall employ its own manager. The Sunday-school Board to pay the whole of the salary of the bookkeeper, being the position now occupied by Mr. Kulp. The bookkeeper to give two-thirds of his time to the work of the Sunday-school Board, and one-third to the work of the Publication Board. Each party to pay half the salary of the stenographer and clerk; that is the position now held by Miss Harris. Each party to pay half the salary of the errand boy; that is the position now occupied by Wm. Brown. The Sunday-school Board to pay two-thirds of the rent, and the Publication Board, the one-third. The business of renting rooms, employing additional help, or the employment of help to take the place of any joint help now employed, shall be committed to the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board and the editor of the "Messenger." In case of any question arising as to the publication or sale of any

book or books, the matter to be determined by the editor of the "Messenger," and the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and the year above mentioned.

CONRAD CLEVER.	[Seal.]
CALVIN S. GERHARD.	[Seal.]
RUFUS W. MILLER.	[Seal.]
JAMES T. REBER.	[Seal.]
A. E. TRUXAL.	[Seal.]
W. RUSH GILLAN.	[Seal.]

At the last meeting of the Board, held September 22d, Rev. C. R. Ferner tendered his resignation as Business Manager, to take effect on the 31st day of October. In accepting his resignation, the Board placed on record "its hearty appreciation of the faithful services of Rev. C. R. Ferner during the time he was in its employ as Business Manager."

The terms of office of B. Wolf, Jr., and of Samuel Hoefflich expire December 31st, 1899. The Synods to which these brethren belong are expected to fill the approaching vacancies at their present session.

In conclusion we would yet say that in the judgment of your Board, your publication affairs have now reached a safe and solid basis, and we believe that by proper care and attention on the part of the management, and by the hearty co-operation on the part of the Synods, and especially of the pastors, the plant will enter upon a period of prosperity and success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
Secretary.

JAMES T. REBER,
President.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Publications.

The Standing Committee on Publications reported Saturday. The report was considered by Items. Items 1, and 3 to 9 were adopted, and Item 2 was amended and unanimously adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Synod of Pittsburgh:

Your committee on Publications would respectfully submit the following report:

The only document placed in our hands is the annual report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States. This report we have carefully considered. From it we learn that the publication affairs, in the support of which this Synod is united with the Eastern and Potomac Synods, "have now reached a safe and solid basis." The Board reports that the "Messenger" and "Review" are just about self-supporting, and would be much more than self-supporting if subscriptions were punctually paid. The total excess of assets over liabilities reported is \$12,165.54. This rep-

resents the earnings of the Board during the three years of the present management.

The Board reports that it had a meeting with the General Synod's Sunday-school Board, in order to adjust existing difficulties, and that the two Boards entered into an agreement which does not secure all that this Board claimed, but all that the Sunday-school was willing to grant. The Board also reports the resignation of Rev. C. R. Ferner as Business Manager, to whose "faithful service" it bears its testimony.

Your committee suggests the following resolutions as expressive of the sense of this Synod:

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with great pleasure of the present prosperous financial condition of the Board, which we regard as a signal evidence of careful and faithful management.

Resolved, 2. That we have learned with much regret of the resignation of Rev. C. R. Ferner, to whose faithful management the Church is in large measure indebted for the present prosperous condition of our publication affairs; and that it is the opinion of this Synod that the Board erred greatly in not sustaining its Business Manager and in not retaining him in his position.

Resolved, 3. That this Synod cannot approve of the proposition to impose upon the editor of the "Messenger" any part of the duties of manager, a proposition which we know to be contrary to his own judgment and wishes, but that all such duties devolve upon the manager, who should be responsible for the proper management of the Board's business.

Resolved, 4. That in the opinion of this Synod it would be better for the Publication and the Sunday-school Board entirely to separate their business; and we recommend to the Publication Board at as early a date as possible to consider the advisability of taking measures to that effect.

Resolved, 5. That inasmuch as the book trade is the most profitable branch of the business of the Publication Board, this Synod deems it proper to suggest that the management of the Board should push, with special energy, the publication and sale of books, and that it should itself be the judge of the kind of books which it should handle; and the Synod will not consent to the Board's giving away this right.

Resolved, 6. That this Synod expects the Board faithfully to guard and manage the Synod's property entrusted to its care; and that the Synod in turn pledges to the Board its earnest co-operation and support.

Resolved, 7. That we again most earnestly commend to our ministers and people the "Reformed Church Messenger," the "Reformed Church Review," and other publications of the Board; and that, through the Classes, our pastors and consis-

tories, be instructed to make renewed efforts, as much as possible, to extend their circulation, and to secure cash payment of subscriptions.

Resolved, 8. That our ministers and people are urged, through the Classes, to give to the book department of the Board as much of their patronage as possible.

Resolved, 9. That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate this action to the Eastern and Potomac Synods, and to the Publication Board.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. RUPP.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER. W. G. KING.

P. C. PRUGH. W. R. BARNHART.

III.—Publication of Minutes.

On Monday the Stated Clerk was instructed to have 2,200 copies of the proceedings of this meeting of Synod printed and distribute them in the usual manner.

ARTICLE XIX.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

All vacancies occurring in the Boards were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. The Committee, on Friday afternoon, reported to Synod a double set of candidates. The report was adopted and the committee was instructed to have ballots printed, and the election was made the order of the day Saturday after the Preparatory service. On Wednesday evening the President appointed the following tellers: Revs. A. S. Glessner, E. P. Skyles and Elder H. F. Texter. Rev. A. S. Glessner being absent Saturday afternoon, Rev. D. E. Master was appointed teller. The election was held and resulted as follows:

Trustee of Synod, Rev. D. H. Leader; *Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. A. M. Keifer, J. M. Evans and Elder P. Keil; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Rev. D. H. Leader and Elder W. R. Barnhart; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Wm. Rupp, D.D.,; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. D. A. Souders; *Sunday School Board*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell; *Board of Publication*, Rev. C. R. Ferner; *Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary*, Elder Wm. Apple; *Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

I.—Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Rev. D. H. Leader; *for four years*, Elder J. F. Anthony; *for three years*, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for two years*, Elder John Reimold; *for one year*, Elder W. G. King.

II.—Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, Rev. A. M. Keifer, J. M. Evans, and Elder Peter Keil; *for three years*, Revs. R. C. Bowling, S. T. Wagner, and B. Wolf, Jr.; *for two years*, Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., C. L. Alspach, and Elder J. M. Conroy; *for one year*, Revs. J. N. Bauman, A. J. Heller, D.D., and Elder J. E. Kunkle.

III.—Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Rev. D. H. Leader, and Elder W. R. Barnhart; *for two years*, Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., and J. F. Snyder; *for one year*, Revs. R. F. Gass and H. D. Darbaker.

IV.—Board of Beneficiary Education.

For five years, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D.; *for four years*, Rev. J. F. Snyder; *for three years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; *for two years*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *for one year*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

V.—Board of Home Missions.

For five years, Rev. D. A. Souders; *for four years*, Rev. Geo. E. Limbert; *for three years*, Rev. R. C. Bowling; *for two years*, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for one year*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.

VI.—Sunday-School Board.

For five years, Rev. C. M. Hartzell; *for four years*, Rev. D. N. Harnish; *for three years*, Hon. J. C. Weller; *for two years*, Rev. A. M. Keifer; *for one year*, Rev. J. N. Naly.

VII.—Board of Publication.

For four years, Rev. C. R. Ferner; *for two years*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.

VIII.—Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

For six years, Wm. Apple; *for four years*, P. Keil; *for two years*, W. R. Barnhart.

IX.—Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary.

For four years, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; *for two years*, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D.

X.—Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

For seven years, J. T. Hamilton; *for five years*, B. Wolf, Jr.; *for two years*, J. E. Kunkle, Esq.

XI.—Stated Clerk of Synod.

For three years, J. Harvey Mickley.

XII.—Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary—

October, 1899.

EASTERN SYNOD.—*For five years*, John J. Nissley, Hum-

melstown, Pa.; John W. Apple and John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; *for three years*, George G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa.; Hon. Jeremiah Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; Geo. Z. Kunkle, Harrisburg, Pa.; *for one year*, J. Y. Deitz, Philadelphia, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa., and Jacob H. Stein, Reading, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD.—*For five years*, Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Md.; Frank Geise, Esq., York, Pa.; *for three years*, Israel Loucks, York, Pa., and S. Nevin Hensch, York, Pa.; *for one year*, George N. Forney, and Edgar Slagel, Hanover, Pa.

PITTSBURG SYNOD.—*For six years*, Wm. Apple, Myers-town, Pa.; *for four years*, P. Keil, Pittsburg, Pa.; *for two years*, W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.

XIII.—Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary— October, 1899.

EASTERN SYNOD.—*For three years*, Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Easton, Pa.; Rev. N. C. Schaffer, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; *for one year*, Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D., Annville, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D., Easton.

POTOMAC SYNOD.—*For three years*, Rev. J. S. Keiffer, D.D.; Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. Wm. C. Schaffer, D.D., Chambersburg, Pa.; *for one year*, Rev. N. H. Skyles, Woodstock, Va.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.—*For four years*, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Greensburg, Pa.; *for two years*, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D., Berlin, Pa.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

I.—Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented his annual report Thursday afternoon. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for auditing and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

A. J. HELLER, IN ACCOUNT WITH PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

DR.

To cash on hand and reported to Pittsburgh Synod, October 6, 1898, two hundred and seventy-one dollars and ninety-nine cents.....	\$271 99
To be disbursed as follows:	
Apportionment Fund.....	\$250 97
Foreign Missions.....	21 02
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	\$271 99

1898.

Oct. 10. Received offering of Synod for Rev. Emil Muehe. \$82 47

1899.	Sept. 8.	Received of Charles F. Glessner, in payment of Synod's judgment against the estate of Conrad Poschman, deceased.....	\$600 00
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Westmoreland Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1898.	Oct. 8.	To amount overpaid last year.....	\$200 00
	Nov. 16.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treas.	350 00
1899.	Jan. 13.	" " " " "	453 47
	Feb. 28.	" " " " "	187 32
	April 15.	" " " " "	339 44
	May 11.	" " " " "	328 90
	July 6.	" " " " "	190 70
	Sept. 11.	" " " " "	226 63
	Sept. 27.	" " " " "	68 54
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			\$2,345 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1898.	Nov. 16.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treas.	\$5 00	
1899.	Jan. 13.	" " " " "	10 00	
	Feb. 28.	" " " " "	5 00	
	April 15.	" " " " "	155 00	
	April 17.	2d Reformed Sunday-school, Greensburg, Pa.....	10 00	
	May 11.	Received of Rev. D. A. Souders, Treas.	462 44	
	July 6.	" " " " "	10 92	
	Sept. 11.	" " " " "	52 64	
			<hr/>	\$711 00
		Relief of Rev. Emil Muehe.....	\$54 12	
		Ministerial Relief Society.....	21 70	
		Home Missions, Special.....	142 21	
		Scranton Mission.....	5 00	
		Girls' School, Japan.....	15 25	
		Sunday-school Board of General Synod	11 00	
			<hr/>	\$249 28
		Apportionment for home purposes..	\$2,345 00...	
		Received on the same	2,345 00	
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		Apportionment for Foreign Missions..	\$701 00	
		Received on the same.....	711 00	
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		Overpaid.....	\$10 00	

\$249 28

Clarion Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1898.	Oct. 10.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treas.	\$92 35
	Dec. 30.	" " " " "	125 00
1899.	Jan. 28.	" " " " "	250 00
	April 15.	" " " " "	350 00
	June 22.	" " " " "	400 00
	Sept 1.	" " " " "	250 00
	Sept 9.	" " " " "	200 00
	Sept 29.	" " " " "	135 00
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			\$1,802 35

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1898.						
Oct. 10.	Received of Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treas.	\$13	80			
Dec. 30.	" " " " "	11	25			
1899.						
April 15.	" " " " "	69	08			
June 22.	" " " " "	168	32			
						\$262 45
	Relief of Rev. Emil Muehe.....	\$36	36			
	St. Louis Mission.....	5	00			
						\$41 36
	Apportionment for home purposes.....	\$1,797	00			
	Received on the same.....	1,802	35			
	Overpaid	\$5	35			
	Apportionment for Foreign Missions..	\$525	00			
	Received on the same.....	262	45			
	Deficit	\$262	55			

St. Paul's Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1898.						
Oct. 6.	Received of C. M. Boush, Esq., Treas.	\$107	58			
Oct. 18.	" " " " "	109	41			
Dec. 14.	" " " " "	140	00			
Dec. 22.	" " " " "	75	00			
1899.						
Feb. 1.	" " " " "	164	03			
April 17.	" " " " "	167	23			
June 26.	" " " " "	150	00			
July 14.	" " " " "	178	80			
						\$1,092 05

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1899.						
April 17.	Received of C. M. Boush, Esq., Treas.	\$71	18			
June 26.	" " " " "	139	63			
July 18.	" " " " "	29	76			
						\$240 57
	For Home Missions, Special.....	\$3	25			
	For Foreign Missions, Special.....	3	00			
						\$6 25
	Apportionment for home purposes.....	\$1,375	00			
	Received on the same.....	1,092	05			
	Deficit	\$282	95			
	Apportionment for Foreign Missions..	\$385	00			
	Received on the same.....	240	57			
	Deficit	\$144	43			

Somerset Classis.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1899.						
Jan. 21.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treas.	\$250	00			
Feb. 25.	" " " " "	19	16			
April 17.	" " " " "	300	00			
June 30.	" " " " "	300	00			

Aug. 1.	"	"	"	"	255 00	
Oct. 3.	"	"	"	"	569 84	
Oct. 5.	"	"	"	"	100 00	
						<hr/> \$1,794 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1898.						
Nov. 9.	Received of Rev. D. H. Leader, Treas.				\$21 00	
1899.						
Jan. 21.	"	"	"	"	31 41	
April 17.	"	"	"	"	60 48	
June 3.	"	"	"	"	134 76	
June 30.	"	"	"	"	69 10	
Aug. 21.	"	"	"	"	17 55	
Oct. 5.	"	"	"	"	24 80	
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	Relief of Rev. Emil Muehe.....					\$359 10
	Apportionment for home purposes.....				\$1,794 00	73 51
	Received on the same.....				1,794 00	
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	Apportionment for Foreign Missions..				\$536 00	
	Received on the same.....				359 10	
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	Deficit				\$176 90	

Allegheny District.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

1898.						
Oct. 12.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer..				\$103 79	
Oct. 17.	"	"	"	"	7 90	
Oct. 31.	"	"	"	"	17 54	
Nov. 18.	"	"	"	"	174 00	
Dec. 6.	"	"	"	"	20 00	
1899.						
May 1.	"	"	"	"	940 09	
Sept. 27.	"	"	"	"	36 68	
						<hr/> \$1,300 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1898.						
Oct. 12.	Received of J. M. Conroy, Treasurer..				\$26 00	
1899.						
Jan. 14.	"	"	"	"	10 00	
May 1.	"	"	"	"	70 63	
Sept. 27.	"	"	"	"	280 37	
Oct. 9.	"	"	"	"	66 00	
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	Relief of Rev. Emil Muehe.....				\$74 63	\$453 00
	St. Paul's Orphan Home.....				21 00	
	St. Louis Mission.....				7 65	
	Sunday-school Board.....				5 00	
	Rev. H. K. Miller (special)				10 00	
	Rev S. S. Snyder (special)				15 00	
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	Apportionment for home purposes.....				\$1,300 00	\$133 28
	Received on the same.....				1,300 00	
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	Apportionment for Foreign Missions .				\$453 00	
	Received on the same				453 00	

DISBURSEMENTS.

1898.				
Oct. 8.	By amount overpaid by Westmoreland Classis...			\$200 00
Oct. 8.	Paid Rev. A. M. Schmidt, for ballots..	\$1 25		
Oct. 10.	Paid Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner, ex- penses of meeting.....	10 00		
Oct. 10.	Paid Rev. D. A. Souders, expenses of Synod's Board of Home Missions..	10 00		
Nov. 21.	Paid expenses of special meeting of Synod.....	33 70		
Dec. 7.	Paid interest on Turtle Creek Mortg'ge	155 67		
1899.				
Jan. 27.	Paid Reformed Church Publication Board for printing Minutes of Synod	109 20		
Jan. 27.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, salary as Stated Clerk.....	75 00		
Jan. 27.	Paid Rev. J. H. Mickley, for distrib- uting Minutes.....	41 50		
Feb. 15.	Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer, for Con- tingent Fund of General Synod.....	100 00		
May 20.	Paid Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, ex- penses to Board of Visitors, Lan- caster, Pa.....	11 12		
June 3.	Paid Dr. F. R. Kremer, expenses to Board of Visitors, Lancaster, Pa....	13 00		
June 8.	Paid interest on Turtle Creek Mortg'ge	144 33		
Sept. 7.	Paid salary of Treasurer of Synod.....	50 00		
Sept. 7.	Paid postage stamps, revenue stamps, and stationery.....	3 67		
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				\$758 44

Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

1898.				
Oct. 8.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for lec- tures on Missions.....	\$40 00		
1899.				
May 2.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for Teach- er in Elocution.....	50 00		
May 2.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for Semi- nary Aid Fund.....	50 00		
Sept. 1.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for Semi- nary Aid Fund.....	100 00		
Sept. 1.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for Teach- er in Elocution.....	50 00		
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				\$290 00

To Ministerial Relief.

1899.				
Jan. 28.	Paid Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer.....	\$300 00		
April 24.	" " " "	8 38		
July 5.	" " " "	203 32		
Sept. 28.	" " " "	10 00		
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				\$521 70

To Beneficiary Education.

1898.				
Dec. 9.	Paid Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treasurer	\$400 00		
1899.				
Mar. 11.	" " " "	350 00		
May 1.	" " " "	301 99		
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				\$1,051 99

To Church Extension.

1899.					
Feb. 1.	Paid C. M. Boush, Esq., Treasurer....	\$50 00			
April 19.	" " " ".....	100 00			
Sept. 2.	" " " ".....	150 00			
Sept. 29.	" " " ".....	135 00			
Oct. 3.	" " " ".....	651 00			
					\$1,086 00

To Home Missions.

1898.					
Oct. 10.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$25 41			
Oct. 17.	" " " ".....	300 00			
Oct. 18.	" " " ".....	109 41			
Dec. 15.	" " " ".....	150 00			
1899.					
Jan. 20.	" " " ".....	500 00			
Feb. 1.	" " " ".....	164 03			
April 17.	" " " ".....	600 00			
April 17.	" " " ".....	244 66			
May 7.	" " " ".....	406 49			
May 17.	" " " ".....	400 00			
1899.					
July 8.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treasurer.....	\$300 00			
July 14.	" " " ".....	178 80			
July 18.	" " " ".....	200 00			
Sept. 1.	" " " ".....	300 00			
Sept. 11.	" " " ".....	221 20			
					\$4,100 00
Sept. 27.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treasurer, special for Home Missions.....				\$135 46

To Hungarian Missions.

1899.					
April 17.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....	\$100 00			
Sept. 2.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treasurer.....	200 00			
Sept. 11.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treasurer.....	200 00			
					\$500 00

To Harbor Missions.

1899.					
May 7.	Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer.....				\$75 00

To Foreign Missions.

1898.					
Oct. 15.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$60 82			
Dec. 13.	" " " ".....	26 00			
1899.					
Jan. 20.	" " " ".....	31 25			
April 15.	" " " ".....	260 40			
April 17.	" " " ".....	144 66			
May 2.	" " " ".....	70 63			
May 17.	" " " ".....	462 44			
June 3.	" " " ".....	134 76			
June 30.	" " " ".....	377 05			
July 10.	" " " ".....	10 92			
July 19.	" " " ".....	29 76			
Sept. 1.	" " " ".....	17 55			
Sept. 11.	" " " ".....	52 64			
Sept. 27.	" " " ".....	305 37			
					\$1,984 34
July 10.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer, for Girls' School, Japan.....				\$15 25

To St. Paul's Orphan Home.

1899.			
Mar. 24.	Paid B. Wolff, Jr., Treasurer, for children of Rev. E. Muehe.....	\$159 06	
May 2.	Paid B. Wolff, Jr., Treasurer.....	21 00	
May 2.	Paid B. Wolff, Jr., Treasurer, for children of Rev. E. Muehe.....	10 03	
June 26.	Paid B. Wolff, Jr., Treasurer, for children of Rev. E. Muehe.....	19 00	
		<hr/>	\$209 09
1898.			
Oct. 15.	Paid Mrs. E. Muehe.....	\$25 00	
Dec. 6.	Paid Mrs. E. Muehe.....	50 00	
1899.			
Mar. 17.	Paid Mrs. E. Muehe.....	50 00	
		<hr/>	\$125 00
Aug. 2.	Paid Dr. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer, for General Synod's Sunday-school Board.....		\$11 00
1898.			
Oct. 17.	Paid Rev. J. C. Horning, for St. Louis Mission.....	\$1 00	
1899.			
July 5.	Paid Rev. J. C. Horning, for St. Louis Mission.....	5 00	
		<hr/>	\$6 00
1899.			
Sept. 25.	Paid Rev. G. W. Welsh, for Scranton Mission....		\$5 00
	Total receipts.....	\$11,817 66	
	Total disbursements.....	11,074 27	
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	Cash on hand.....		\$743 39
	To be disbursed as follows:		
	Apportionment Fund.....	\$640 94	
	Foreign Missions.....	90 80	
	Sunday-school Board.....	6 65	
	St. Louis Mission.....	5 00	
		<hr/>	\$743 39

At the last annual meeting of Synod your Treasurer was authorized to release a certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Meyersdale, Pa., and being a part of the estate of Conrad Poschman, deceased, from the judgment held by the Synod against the property of said Conrad Poschman, on the condition that \$75 of the purchase money be paid on the said lien. However, the contemplated sale of the said lot was not consummated. But since then the whole estate was sold, and by the consent of the members of the Board of Beneficiary Education, your Treasurer receipted the docket in full upon the payment of \$600. Mr. C. F. Glessner being allowed to retain the remaining \$50.00. Believing that this action will meet with the approval and sanction of Synod, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER.

II.—Report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society.

LATROBE, Pa., Sept. 21, 1899.

To Rev. A. J. Heller, Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with the resolution of your Synod, I herewith submit to you a report of the following monies received by me and the amounts paid to the different benevolent objects as Treasurer of the "Woman's Synodical Missionary Society" of Pittsburgh Synod during the year ending September 9th, 1899.

MRS. D. E. ALBERT, *Treasurer.*

To amounts received from Treasurers of the different classical Societies of Pittsburgh Synod, from September 9th, 1898, to September 8th, 1899, as follows:

For Girls' School.....	\$1,017 68	
" Home Missions.....	421 44	
" Foreign Missions.....	72 70	
" Butler Home	10 00	
" "Woman's Journal".....	8 00	
" "Mission Band Helper".....	3 00	
" Incidental Fund, from Westmoreland Classical Society to the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod	6 00	
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By amount paid Mrs. Nettie Anthony, Treas. G. Synod Miss. Soc :

For Girls' School.....	\$1,017 68	
" Home Missions.....	421 44	
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MRS. D. E. ALBERT, *Treasurer W. M. S. P. S.*

III.—Special Committee on General Synod's Apportionment.

Under Item 10 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, the apportionments were referred to a special committee. Said committee reported Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted and the sums referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee to which was referred item 10 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, pertaining to the apportionment of the several funds by the General Synod to this Synod, begs leave to offer the following report:

We have carefully inquired into the matter and find that the increase in the several amounts assigned to this Synod are

only slightly in excess of those handed down by the General Synod of 1896, when the increase of our membership during the intervening period is taken into consideration, and we would, therefore, recommend that they be accepted.

The apportionment of \$450 for "Work among the Germans," however, is a new and distinct fund. Pittsburgh Synod appreciates the importance of prosecuting the work among Germans in the large cities and towns, and is not indifferent to its maintenance; but the demands upon it for special work within its own territory are so imperative, that we cannot, in justice to these interests assume any additional obligations at the present time. Hyndman, Homestead, DuQuesne, Connells-ville, Vandergrift and other points, need and have been promised prompt help, and the funds, with the exception of a few gifts from abroad, must be provided by the Classes composing this Synod. This additional support to the missions under the General Board, will aggregate not less than \$4,000. It is with regret, therefore that we feel constrained to decline to accept the apportionment for the work among Germans.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER.

EDWIN D. MEIXELL. JNO. E. KUNKLE.

IV.—Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance reported Monday afternoon. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee on Finance, to which was referred the report of the Treasurer, would state that it carefully examined said report and compared the vouchers with the items of disbursement and found everything accurate and correct with a balance in the treasury of \$743.39.

The following items approved by Synod were referred to our committee for apportionment to the several Classes:

Home Missions.....	\$4,550 00
Beneficiary Education.....	1,000 00
Hungarian Missions.....	600 00
Harbor Mission.....	85 00
Ministerial Relief.....	400 00
Contingent Expenses General Synod, \$430—	
one-third.....	144 00
Interest on Turtle Creek Loan.....	300 00
Contingent Fund, Theological Seminary.....	300 00
Professor Elocution.....	100 00
Contingent Expenses, this Synod.....	350 00
6 cents per member for Church Extension.....	1,116 00

\$8,945 00

To meet the above we recommend the following apportionment:

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$2,460 00
Clarion Classis.....	1,860 00
St. Paul's Classis.....	1,375 00
Somerset Classis.....	1,875 00
Allegheny Classis.....	1,375 00
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	\$8,945 00

There was also referred to your committee the sum of \$2,975 to be apportioned for the support of Foreign Missions.

We submit the following apportionment for your adoption:

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$778 00
Clarion Classis.....	591 00
St. Paul's Classis.....	444 00
Somerset Classis.....	604 00
Allegheny Classis.....	558 00
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	\$2,975 00

The committee was also instructed to make a tentative apportionment of \$500 for the support of Catawba College, at Newton, North Carolina:

This sum we apportion as follows:

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$130 00
Clarion Classis.....	100 00
St. Paul's Classis.....	75 00
Somerset Classis.....	100 00
Allegheny Classis.....	95 00

We also offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the several Classes of Synod be instructed to direct their Treasurers to transmit the monies in their hands to the Treasurer of Synod quarterly; that is to say on or about the 15th day of March, the 15th day of June, the 15th day of September, and the 15th day of December.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL.

J. F. SNYDER.

J. M. CONROY.

C. F. ALTHOUSE.

LEVI BORTZ.

V.—Mortgage on St. Peter's Church, DuBois.

Item 1 of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, was referred to a special committee, which reported Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the mortgage against St. Peter's Reformed church, of DuBois, offer the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby requests the present holder of the mortgage given by St. Peter's Reformed church, DuBois, Pa., to the Church Extension Board upon the church

property at DuBois, Pa., to satisfy the same upon the record of Clearfield county, if recorded; and also to cancel the same and return it to said St. Peter's Reformed church of DuBois, Pa.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER.

A. E. TRUXAL.

JNO. E. KUNKLE.

VI.—Instructions to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay \$11.40 to the Synod's Board of Home Missions; \$1 to the Standing Committee on Nominations, and \$10 to the Reformed church at DuBois.

ARTICLE XXI.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, and called up by Item 1 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, reported Thursday afternoon. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee report as follows:

Only one brother was called home by death during the past synodical year; but it is with a peculiar sadness that we mourn the separation from us of one so young, so sincere and so self-sacrificing as Bro. Emil F. J. Muehe, who departed this life at Lancaster, Pa., on February 15, 1899, at the age of 34 years.

Your committee has secured the following interesting facts concerning our departed brother. He was born in the city of Baltimore in the year 1865. He was unfortunate in losing his mother when quite young, and for some time afterward roamed about a great deal, taking several voyages at sea, and then again as a waif in the city of Baltimore, until finally he turned up in an industrial home. Here he attracted the attention of Rev. Dr. Clever, by his manner during a public entertainment, in which he made a speech. Some time afterward, the young boy and his companions determined to go to the Sunday-school of which Dr. Clever was pastor, but upon coming to the door of the school room he was pushed in, and they went elsewhere. This event marks the beginning of Rev. Muehe's Christian career. He was confirmed in due time and became a member of the Third Reformed church of Baltimore. He learned the carpenter trade, but soon felt himself called to the Christian ministry, but circumstances hindered him in carrying out this design. After a number of years and after he was married, and two children were born into the family, he found the way clear, and he went to Mercersburg to prepare for the Seminary. He entered the Theological Seminary

of the Reformed Church, at Lancaster, in September, 1892. Here he supported himself and family by working part of the time at his trade, helping to build the new Seminary building. He was graduated in 1895, and soon after was ordained and installed pastor of the mission at McKeesport, Pa., where he entered upon his work with such zeal that his constitution gave way under the strain and he was compelled to go to Carolina for his health. He spent the winter of '96 and '97, but failed to regain his health. He then went to Denver, Col., with his family, and remained there until the physician informed him that the time of his death was near at hand, when he came east to Lancaster to await the end, which came on February 15, 1899. The facts already related indicate the prominent characteristics of Bro. Muebe's life—industry, earnestness, determination, Christian faith, zeal, courage and hope. In all these he left us a good example. We mourn our loss, we cherish his memory, and we pray the Lord's blessing upon his sorrowing wife and children. Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS.

H. S. GARNER. A. M. SCHAFFNER.

ARTICLE XXII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I.—Report of Pittsburgh Synod's Sunday-School Board.

Pittsburgh Synod's Sunday-school Board reported Thursday morning. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, and the statistics to the Standing Committee on the State of the Church. The following is the report:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BROTHERS: The Sunday-school Board of this Synod held two meetings during the year. The first, at the close of the last annual meeting of Synod when the Board was reorganized by the election of the old officers. The second, in connection with this meeting of Synod, when reports were received from different members of the Board. From the reports at hand we learn with pleasure that the Sunday-school work within the bounds of Pittsburgh Synod, and in fact, throughout the whole Church, is being carried on with considerable zeal and enthusiasm; and is apparently making progress. In recent years the attention of the whole Church has been called to this particular work, and it is now receiving the consideration which its importance demands, and which in the years to come, will produce good results.

In our own Synod the Sunday-school work is better organized than ever before. In addition to the Synodical Board,

we now have in each Classis a permanent Sunday-school committee. Neither the work of this Board nor that of the classical committees has been fully and clearly defined. This is being done, however, as experience teaches us. Thus far this Board has been content with doing some general work, and the classical committees with holding Sunday-school conventions and gathering statistics. In the conventions, the classical committees have tried to give higher ideals, nobler purposes, and greater enthusiasm to the Sunday-school workers. These efforts, we believe, have not been without good results. They have helped especially the younger members of our churches to a deeper love for the institutions and literature of the Reformed Church. They have helped to unite our people in efforts to do the Master's work. During the past year they also helped to gather fuller statistics than in former years and thus to give us a better basis for studying the needs of our Sunday-schools.

The Sunday-school conventions and the gathering of full and complete statistics should receive the encouragement of Synod and all the Classes. To this end care should be taken in the selection of permanent classical committees. For the present, at least, only ministers or experienced elders should be placed upon these committees. This seems to be necessary in order to establish the work in harmony with the spirit of the Reformed Church. But the most important Sunday-school work within the bounds of our Synod is not being done by this Board nor by the permanent classical committees, but by the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod. This Board is now exerting a great influence over our schools. It provides our lesson helps, furnishes our libraries and appliances used in the work, and is now about to provide our hymns. For the first time in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States it may be said our General Synod, through its Sunday-school Board, is enabled to determine to a very great extent what shall be read, taught and sung in our Sunday-schools. This is a great and important achievement, and one for which, under the present conditions, we ought to be thankful. The responsibility now rests with the General Synod, and we can confidently look to her for the best that the best talent of the Reformed Church can produce. But if in this, our individual expectations, are not realized at once, we must have patience. Time, as well as effort, is necessary to achieve our ideals. What we now need is to give the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod our cordial and generous support as well as our honest criticism.

We herewith submit for your consideration the Sunday-school statistics of the several Classes for the year 1898-1899, and also embody in this report a summary of the same:

	Westmoreland Classis	Clarion Classis	Somerset Classis	St. Paul's Classis	Allegheny Classis	Total
Number of Schools	30	31	25	19	15	120
Number of Officers and Teachers	442	368	321	238	254	1623
Number of Scholars	3249	2472	2128	1400	2076	13333
Total Membership	3569	2560	2447	1719	2494	13089
Average Attendance	1977	2465	1494	1046	1323	8205
Scholars in Full Membership in the Church	560	903	794	621	830	3708
Number of Sunday-school Papers taken	2031	539	976	621	1034	5201
Number of Library Books	1231	1092	707	621	2622	6273
Contributions to General Synod's Sunday-school Board	\$42	\$156	\$28	\$41	\$51	\$318
Contributions to Other Church Boards and Institutions	\$733	\$279	\$559	\$139	\$719	\$2429
Contributions to Other Benevolent Objects	\$293	\$323	\$171	\$71	\$113	\$971
Contributions to Support of Schools	\$1480	\$732	\$1435	\$668	\$1494	\$6809

For the convenience of members of Synod we also herewith submit the names of the several permanent Sunday-school Committees appointed at the last annual meetings of the Classes:

For Westmoreland Classis.—Rev. J. H. Mickley, Johnstown, Pa.; Rev. J. N. Bauman, Jeannette, Pa.; G. A. Smith, Derry Station, Pa.

For Clarion Classis.—Rev. U. O. H. Kershner, St. Petersburg, Pa.; Rev. R. F. Gass, Hawthorn, Pa.

For Somerset Classis.—Rev. Hiram King, Rev. F. Wetzel, Rev. S. C. Long.

For St. Paul's Classis.—Rev. Harvey I. Crow, New Hamburg, Pa.; Rev. George E. Limbert, Grove City, Pa.; Rev. D. E. Master, Cochran, Pa.

For Allegheny Classis.—Rev. J. G. Walter, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. C. L. Alspach, Wilkensburg, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER, *President.*

D. N. HARNISH, *Secretary.*

II.—Report of General Synod's Sunday-School Board.

Under Item 10 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read the report of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and is as follows:

To the District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: In behalf of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, we beg leave to present a few matters of interest pertaining to the work committed to us. The detailed report of the Board's operations, including a statement of the financial condition, both of the Business Department and of the Sunday-school Missionary Department, will be found in

the printed report of the Board to the late General Synod, a copy of which accompanies this communication.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

At the beginning of this year, a new publication was issued, the "Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly." This periodical has been favorably received, and is gaining an assured circulation. We trust in connection with the commendation of General Synod given to the Home Department of the Sunday-school, your Reverend Body will take such action as will lead to the establishment of a Home Department in all the schools of the Church. It is of the utmost importance that our Reformed Church should encourage Bible study at home, thus assisting parents in the discharge of their parental obligations.

With a view to more closely linking the work of the schools with the home, another periodical will be issued January 1st, 1900; it is the "Junior Quarterly," intended for children between the ages of 8 and 12 years. In addition to the exposition of the Bible Lessons adapted to younger children, the "Junior Quarterly" will contain simplified questions on the Heidelberg Catechism, the Books of the Bible, etc. It is to be used as a supplemental four years' course of study. It is hoped in this way to secure more fully the co-operation of parents, and the religious instruction of their children.

It is gratifying to announce that the Sunday-school Hymnal is practically completed, and will be ready for sale some time during the month of October. The introduction of the Sunday-school Hymnal in our schools should lead to a closer relation between the school and church service, and prove to be an educational factor of great value.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY WORK.

During the past summer, the Board has employed a larger number of men in doing Sunday-school Missionary work, than ever before; the results of their work are most gratifying. But it is to be feared that the work accomplished in organizing new schools, in establishing new congregations and erecting buildings, will be hindered because funds are not at hand to properly continue the work. The Board has been compelled to decline requests coming from several sections of the Church for the reason that funds are not at hand to go forward. After the payment of salaries and expenses incident to the work of the last few months, there is at the present time a balance of \$700.00 in the treasury of the Sunday-school and Missionary Department. This amount is not sufficient to defray the current obligations of the Missionary Department for the next eight months. It would greatly help the work of the Board if pastors and elders would see to it that the annual offering of their schools, made either on Children's Day or some other

time, for this Sunday-school Missionary work, would be promptly forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board. We could then be in a position to know more fully the resources at our command.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

The Twentieth Century Movement has been heartily approved by the General Synod, and was also approved by your Reverend Body at its last session. Many of our schools are engaging in the movement, and the subject is being discussed in Sunday-school Conventions. From reports that have reached us, we learn that a number of schools have made substantial gains in their membership, and that great blessings have come to them through the greater activity of the workers, and the larger numbers enrolled. This Twentieth Century Movement is essentially a missionary movement. It is fitting, therefore, to unite the Twentieth Century Movement, proposed by the Board of Home Missions, with this Sunday-school work. What is needed now is a vigorous effort in all the Classes by which the classical committee on Sunday-school work will put themselves in touch with their schools in the Classis, and by which missionary conventions, institutes and conferences may be held, so as to arouse the enthusiasm and secure the interest of every pastor and Sunday-school worker. We respectfully suggest the propriety of directing the Board or Standing Committee on Sunday-school work of your Reverend Body, to work with a view to this end. Our present membership, according to the statistics presented at the Classes last spring, so far as we have been able to obtain reports, show a gratifying gain. But we deeply regret to state that it is impossible to give figures embracing the Sunday-school membership of the entire Church, because of the fact that in some Classes not more than one-half of the schools have been reported. It is unfortunate that a few Classes, by their failure in this respect, prevent us from knowing the facts as to our Sunday-school membership. But we are safe in saying that there has been a decided gain in the Sunday-school membership of the Church, and some figures on the subject will be given in the church papers during the next few months. We hope that by reason of the action of the late General Synod, our Sunday-school statistics will become so complete as to make them valuable in improving and extending the Sunday-school as an institution of the Church.

Above all, we believe that the great and imperative need is prayer. The first duty of the Church is intercession. If our churches and schools could be made to feel more deeply the supreme importance of prayer and intercession, that the Divine blessings may rest upon the important work which the Sunday-schools represent, the interest manifested in our Sunday-schools and their work would be so great that a new era of

prosperity would dawn upon the Church. It would be a good thing to set aside days of intercession for our Sunday-schools. At this critical time, in the matter of the religious education of the young, when the importance of the Sunday-school work is being more and more recognized, and when fresh efforts are being made to develop and improve the Sunday-school system; at this time, too, when the temptations were never so great to the young to absent themselves from the services of the Church: surely the Wisdom and Power of God, the Holy Spirit, should be specially and earnestly invoked, so that the blessings may indeed be poured out from on high for the welfare of the children, the Church and our country.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Secretary.*

READING, Pa., Oct. 10, 1899.

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools reported Monday afternoon. The report was considered by items. The items severally and the report as a whole was adopted. It is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee on Sunday-schools report that the following communications were referred to us:

1st. The report of the Sunday-school Board of Pittsburgh Synod.

2d. The triennial report of Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

3d. The annual report of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church in the United States to the District Synods.

From these sources we learn that the Sunday-school work of our Synod is better organized, and is making progress in every way, especially in increasing membership, through the inspiration of the Twentieth Century Movement, and the Home Department.

The report of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod calls attention to three new publications, viz., "The Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly," "The Junior Quarterly," and the "Sunday-school Hymnal." The first-named is already issued and is gaining an assured circulation. The second, for children between the ages of 8 and 12 years, and containing Bible Lessons, questions on the Heidelberg Catechism, the Books of the Bible, etc., to be issued January 1, 1900, and the Sunday-school Hymnal to be issued in the near future.

It speaks encouragingly of the Sunday-school Mission

work, which has grown beyond the limits of its present means of support, and calls for increased liberality, and for promptness, in sending in the offerings made. The Twentieth Century Movement shows a gratifying gain, but owing to incomplete statistics, no definite numbers can be given.

Your committee present the following for consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That the Sunday-school Board of Pittsburgh Synod put forth special effort to further the Twentieth Century Movement, and the Home Department in every congregation throughout the several Classes.

2. That we commend the "Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly" and the "Junior Quarterly," to attention and use of our people as an excellent means of securing closer co-operation between the school and the home, and better instruction of the children.

3. That in view of the fact that the Publication Board now holds the right to publish several simplified forms of the Heidelberg Catechism, we advise the General Synod Sunday-school Board to designate the Catechism questions and answers in the "Junior Quarterly," instead of printing the text thereof.

4. That we suggest to the Sunday-school Board the advisability of a separation of its publication interests from those of the Publication Board, as soon as such a result can be properly effected.

5. That Synod remind Sunday-school officers of the importance of complete statistics, and urges Secretaries to make correct returns to the chairman of the Classical Sunday-school Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

D. A. SOUDERS.

D. N. HARNISH.

JACOB H. KUHN.

J. N. BAUMAN.

J. E. KUNKLE.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ORPHAN HOME.

I.—Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

The annual report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home was read Thursday afternoon. The *Lemmata* was so amended as to create a Standing Committee on Orphan Home, and the report was referred to said committee and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is with gratitude to God that we are able to report that the work of caring for the helpless orphans has been carried on successfully during the past year in St. Paul's Orphan Home, under the management and upon the same general principles as during previous years. The average

number of 76 children found shelter and Christian training during the year. Those having the children of the Home under their supervision and government, deserve the commendation of the Synod, for the faithful performance of their arduous work, which is often known by Him alone who seeth in secret.

The health of the inmates continued good with the exception of an epidemic of scarlet fever which manifested itself last spring, during which fourteen of the children were severely afflicted for many weeks, during which time every care and attention possible was given them and under God's blessing, complete recovery followed in every case.

During the year it became necessary to put a new roof upon the main building and repaint the exterior wood work, at an expense of \$310. Much other outside and inside painting and papering was done by the inmates of the Home, costing but the price of the material.

Since our last report the Board, after much consideration, made a lease of the greater part of our grounds to Mr. Gibson, of Butler, for oil and gas. In this transaction care was taken to safeguard our interests, and it is to be hoped that it may result in a material betterment of our financial condition in the near future.

Without intending to reflect upon the Superintendent, the Board adopted a plan for the purchase of supplies for the Home, which places this matter in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Board, and requires the approval of all bills by the Executive Committee before payment be made. Itemized monthly reports of all supplies are to be made to same committee, and contribution of money and supplies for the Home are to be acknowledged monthly in the "Orphans' Friend and Messenger." Other details of the plan we deem it needless to note in this report. It is hoped the plan will become fully operative in the near future.

The plan of a Women's Auxiliary Committee to work as an aid to the Board and to awaken greater interest in the Home and develop larger activities in its support, has not as yet met our expectations, inasmuch as some of the Classes failed to appoint such persons and only St. Paul's Classis apprised the Board of such appointment. It is hoped that Synod and the Classes will speedily take such further action as that the plan may not be long delayed in its effective operation.

We are glad to report that the Home received a more generous support from our own Synod and other sources, than heretofore. The farm and garden products, so bountifully sent by many of the congregations, proved a great help and blessing to the Home for all of which we are duly thankful. May we not express the hope that still more of our congregations may engage in the noble and divine work of thus feeding the desti-

tute and that all our churches will increase their contribution.

For your information we incorporate the Treasurer's report, which is as follows:

**B. WOLF, JR., TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH ST. PAUL'S
ORPHAN HOME, FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 27, 1899.**

Dr.

To cash from Churches, Sunday-schools and others.....	\$4,694 17
Invested funds (paid off)	1,316 35
Interest on invested funds.....	387 66
Fire loss.....	32 50
Orphan Friend.....	88 50
Boarding and pay children.....	2,970 48
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	\$9,489 66

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Balance due Treasurer from last year.....	\$26 86
By cash paid P. C. Prugh, Superintendent.....	7,667 21
" Interest on \$10,900 borrowed money.....	654 00
" C. R. Dieffenbacher, expenses to Potomac Synod..	12 00
" F. M. Pilgram, refunded.	17 00
" D. A. Sonders, error in remittance.....	50 00
" Insurance	60 00
" Lent to B. Wolf Lane & Co., invested funds.....	1,000 00
Balance on hand.....	2 59
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	\$9,489 66

It is with deep regret that we are compelled to report a deficiency of about \$1,000 in meeting the current expenses of the Home. This increases the indebtedness of the Home to \$12,000. The mere statement of this fact should awaken the Synod to the need of greater efforts in the support of this worthy institution. We are convinced that if our congregations and Sunday-schools become acquainted with the work and need of the Home, they will contribute more generously. No other object will awaken their tender feelings and call forth their assistance as the cause of the needy and destitute orphans of the Church.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire with this Synod, viz., Revs. A. M. Keifer, T. S. Land, and Elder Peter Keil.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,

DuBois, Pa., Oct. 12, '99.

Pres. of the Board.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Orphan Home.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Home reported Monday afternoon. The report was considered by items, amended and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: From the report of this Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, we learn that the management has been carried on in the same diligent and careful manner as in former years. No pains have been spared to make it the well-regulated and ideal Christian home it ought to be; where the fatherless and the needy are truly cared for. We are pained to learn that the debt is still increasing, but hope that the day is not far distant when Synod may see its way clear to wipe it all out. This we hope may be the outcome of the lease, recently made by the Board. We also learn that the financial support has not met the requirements; the Church has not done her whole duty, even though the offerings have been steadily increasing. The Board renews its requests most urgently for larger and more liberal offerings. We also note with pleasure a growing interest in St. Paul's day, feeling that it will in time result in much good for the Home.

In view of all this we submit the following for adoption:

1. That we commend the interests of St. Paul's Orphan Home to the prayers and liberality of our people and ask that larger offerings be given to this cause. That the Classes be directed to bring this action before the pastors and people in such a manner so as to bring about the largest possible income to the Home.

2. That the Christmas offering and the Children's Day offering, as heretofore, be devoted to this most worthy cause, and that Classes urge the pastors to make special efforts in presenting this cause, by sermon or otherwise, to their people, so as to bring about a more liberal offering for the Home.

3. That the Synod reaffirms its action concerning the formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary Board, to be composed of three ladies from each Classis, who shall, under the direction of the regular Board, render such service in the interest of the Home as may be found necessary. That the Classes be instructed to elect such a Board and notify the regular Board of the fact.

4. We do not deem it advisable to accede to the overture of Clarion Classis, asking that the children be sent to the public schools of Butler.

5. That we rejoice in the increased interest manifested in St. Paul's Day, and that Synod urge the Classes, as far as convenient, to co-operate with the Board in making the day general throughout the whole Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

U. O. H. KERSCHNER.

J. P. BACHMAN.

A. K. KLINE.

JOHN G. CHAFFEY.

E. CRUM.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I.—Triennial Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Under Item 5 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, the report of the Relief Society was received and referred to a special committee. The report is as follows:

A Triennial Statement, giving the receipts and the expenditures of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," the receipts and expenditures of the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home," and also the financial condition of the Society. The period of time covered by the statement is from May 1st, 1896, to May 1st, 1899:

RECEIPTS FROM COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

EASTERN SYNOD.

East Pennsylvania Classis.....	\$346 45	
Philadelphia Classis.....	305 77	
Schuylkill Classis.....	251 62	
Lebanon Classis.....	195 00	
Lancaster Classis.....	181 16	
Reading Classis.....	156 25	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	141 74	
Wyoming Classis.....	134 77	
Tohickon Classis.....	130 00	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	124 34	
Lehigh Classis.....	108 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	27 00	
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		\$2,102 10

POTOMAC SYNOD.

Maryland Classis.....	\$479 69	
Gettysburg Classis.....	306 23	
Virginia Classis.....	202 00	
Carlisle Classis.....	169 72	
Mercersburg Classis.....	164 12	
Zion's Classis.....	135 02	
Juniata Classis.....	127 57	
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		\$1,584 35

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$286 38	
Clarion Classis.....	130 00	
Allegheny Classis.....	84 27	
Somerset Classis.....	66 07	
St. Paul's Classis.....	63 05	
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		\$629 77

OHIO SYNOD.

Tuscarawas Classis.....	\$112 16	
Lancaster Classis.....	50 56	
Miami Classis.....	25 00	
Tiffin Classis.....	13 02	
Eastern Ohio Classis.....	17 82	
St. Joseph Classis.....	8 23	
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		\$227 69

INTERIOR SYNOD.

Iowa Classis.....	\$61 48	
Illinois Classis.....	36 97	
Wichita Classis.....	28 17	
Kansas Classis.....	13 50	
Lincoln Classis.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$146 12

GERMAN SYNOD.

St. John's Classis.....	\$70 00	
Erie Classis.....	65 00	
New York Classis.....	10 00	
Chicago Classis.....	6 65	
	<hr/>	\$151 65

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Total Eastern Synod.....	\$2,102 10	
" Potomac Synod.....	1,584 35	
" Pittsburgh Synod.....	629 77	
" German Synod.....	151 65	
" Ohio Synod.....	227 69	
" Interior Synod.....	146 12	
	<hr/>	\$4,841 68
Total Interest on Investment.....	\$5,717 68	
" Bequests.....	695 00	
" Hymnal Royalty.....	587 75	
" Pittsburgh Synod Special.....	950 00	
" Individual Gifts.....	691 00	
" Loans Paid.....	9,100 00	
" Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	3,715 06	
" Cash in Treasury, May 1, 1896.....	2,412 16	
	<hr/>	\$23,868 65
Total amount of receipts.....		\$28,710 33

EXPENDITURES.

Eastern Synod.....	24 annuitants....	\$3,175 00
Potomac Synod.....	14 annuitants....	1,665 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	6 annuitants....	1,930 00
Ohio Synod.....	8 annuitants....	1,053 75
Interior Synod.....	3 annuitants....	325 00
North West Synod.....	3 annuitants....	225 00
Central Synod.....	3 annuitants....	175 00
Eastern German Synod.....	2 annuitants....	128 75
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	63 annuitants	\$8,677 50
Paid to Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....		3,701 05
Funded by New Investment.....		12,400 00
Sundry Expenses.....		1,564 89
Cash in Treasury, May 1, 1899.....		2,366 89
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Total amount of expenses.....		\$28,710 33

INVESTED FUND.

Real Estate Mortgages.....	\$18,450 00
Bonds	17,000 00
Railroad Stocks.....	3,400 00
Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	12,000 00
Cash in Treasury, May 1, 1899.....	2,366 89
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Total amount of assets.....	\$53,216 89

The membership of the Society at this time is composed of

three hundred life and sixteen annual members. The annuitant list is growing year by year, and is at this date made up of thirty-one widows and twenty-one ministers, and are found within the bounds of each Synod of the Church.

The Privilege of membership in the Society extends to all ministers of the Reformed Church residing in any State or Territory of the United States. The terms of membership are: For life members, sixty-five dollars, in one or more payments, and for annual members five dollars initiation fee and three dollars annual dues.

Benefactions of the Society are given only to those IN NEED, and may be given

1. To disabled ministers, who are members.
2. To the widow of a deceased member.
3. To the widow of any deceased minister of the Reformed Church.

The officers of the Society, as required by the charter, are:
 Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., President, Bedford, Pa.
 Rev. J. D. Miller, Vice-President, Duncannon, Pa.
 Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeir, Secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.
 Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.
 Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md., and Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Jefferson, Md., Assessors.

The Daniel Stein Memorial Home is located in Myerstown, Pa., and is a home for aged ministers, their wives, and the widows of ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States. It is the property of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows, and is controlled by a Board of Managers composed of nine members chosen by the Society. The officers are:

Rev. J. D. Miller, President, Duncannon, Pa.
 Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Sec'y, Chambersburg, Pa.
 Rev. Simon S. Miller, Supt. and Treas., Myerstown, Pa.

II.—Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Under Item 5 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the annual report of the Treasurer of the Relief Society. It was referred to a special committee and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing September 30, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

Clarion Classis.....	\$65 00
Somerset Classis.....	21 79
Westmoreland Classis.....	21 70
St. Paul's Classis.....	15 92
Pittsburgh Synod, Special.....	500 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$624 41

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to four Annuitants.....	\$875 00
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We call attention also to the needs of "The Daniel Stine Memorial Home," located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives and the widows of ministers, and is under the control of the Society for Relief. It has one minister residing in it. It appeals for help to carry it forward and maintain it successfully.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am,

Yours fraternally,
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

III.—Resolution on Offering for the Relief Society.

The following resolution was offered on Monday morning and referred to the Special Committee on Ministerial relief:

Resolved, That this Synod commends the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows to the earnest consideration of its ministers, and urges them to present the cause to their people and receive an offering for this society in every congregation of the Synod.

IV.—Report of Special Committee on the Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The Special Committee to whom was referred "The Historical Statement," "The Triennial Statement," and the annual report of the Treasurer, reported Monday afternoon. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee on the report of the Ministerial Relief Society had placed into its hands three papers, the Triennial Report, the Historical Statement and the Treasurer's Report. These are brief and plain statements and yet full of interest. The Triennial Report and Historical Statement shows us that the society has back of it a history of more than 145 years, and gives testimony of many deeds of kindness. The Treasurer's Report shows an enlargement of the work and contributions, also that the finances have been well managed. The Daniel Stine Memorial Home asked for enlarged gifts for the support of the inmates.

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod commends the work of the

society to the heartfelt sympathy and prayer of every minister and member and friend within our bounds, and each Classis request its congregations to give an annual offering. It is a debt of gratitude we owe to the faithful widows of ministers and ministers that have been disabled and those that have spent their strength and years in the service of the Master.

2. *Resolved*, That the request in behalf of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home for enlarged gifts be heeded by all.

Respectfully,

A. K. KLINE

R. F. GASS.

CHAS. MOLZAHN.

V.—Address of Welcome.

Rev. R. E. Crum, *pastor loci*, Wednesday evening, in behalf of the members of St. Peter's Reformed church, DuBois, extended the Synod a hearty welcome.

VI.—Instruction to the Board of Trustees.

Thursday morning the Board of Trustees of Synod were instructed to organize and report annually to the Synod.

VII.—Press Committee.

Thursday morning Synod appointed the following Press Committee: Revs. C. F. Althouse, John K. Adams, J. D. Hunsicker, J. N. Naly and C. H. Faust. This committee reported as follows Monday afternoon.

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Press Committee would report that they have attended to the duties assigned, and that reports were sent to different papers.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

VIII.—Thanks.

The thanks of Synod were tendered Messrs. DuBois and Hatfield for the excursion given to the Synod to the lumber camp, Friday afternoon; also to Mr. Reed for one gross of pencils for the use of the members of Synod.

IX.—Aid Continued to Rev. J. F. Wiant.

Aid was continued, Friday morning, Rev. J. F. Wiant, to the amount of \$200 for the ensuing year, and the said sum was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

X.—Committee on Program of Religious Service for Next Year.

The following committee was appointed to arrange program for services for next year's sessions: Revs. J. F. Kerlin, D. N. Harnish, and Elder P. C. Gelbach.

XI.—Chaplain for the Institutions at Lancaster.

The following resolution was adopted Monday morning:

Resolved, That in the judgment of Pittsburgh Synod a chaplain ought to be secured for our literary institutions and Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and that said chaplain ought also to be the pastor of the College congregation.

Resolved, That the authorities of the above institutions and congregation be, and they hereby are overtured and requested to take the above matter into consideration at an early day.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate the above action to the President of the College and to the President of the Seminary Faculty.

XII.—Thanks to Treasurer.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted Monday afternoon:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be hereby extended Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., for his faithful service as Treasurer of Synod during the past five years.

XIII.—Rules of Order.

The motion to adopt the Rules of Order of the General Synod was tabled till next annual meeting.

XIV.—Instructions to Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to extend the thanks of Synod to Messrs. DuBois and Hatfield; also to Mr. Reed; to forward to the Mission Board the action of Synod concerning the mortgage against St. Peter's church at DuBois; the action of Synod on Publications, to the Eastern and Potomac Synods, and to the President of the Board of Publication; the action of Synod on chaplain at the institutions at Lancaster; to the Presidents of the College and Seminary Faculty.

XV.—Report of the Special Committee on Leave of Absence.

The President on Thursday afternoon appointed the following a Committee on Leave of Absence, with plenary power: Revs. D. S. Stephan, S. C. Long, and Elder H. Powell. The committee reported on Monday afternoon. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence submits the following report: The following members of Synod were excused from attendance upon the several sessions:

From Friday morning to close, Elder R. C. Sinn; *from Saturday morning*, Elders Jacob Buchheit, P. C. Gelbach, Joshua Turner, A. C. Lepley, W. H. Shoemaker, and Wm. Apple; *from Saturday afternoon*, Revs. A. S. Glessner, P. C. Prugh, D.D., T. R. Deitz; Elders Henry Fullmer, J. E. Kunkle, J. M. Conroy and J. M. Wolfersberger; *Sunday afternoon*,

Revs. E. P. Skyles and C. L. Alspach; *Monday morning*, Revs. D. W. Kerr, L. W. Showers, F. Wetzel, and Elders J. J. Zimmerman and I. M. Wise; *from last roll call*, Revs. J. H. Prugh, D.D., D. E. Master, F. L. Kerr, S. B. Mase, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; Elders H. Powell, J. G. Chaffey, W. R. Barnhart, C. Vandyke and Levi Bortz. Rev. J. P. Bachman was excused from roll call Thursday and Monday.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SNIDER STEPHAN.

S. C. LONG. H. J. POWELL.

XVI.—Additional Excuses.

In addition to those excused under the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, the following were excused on Friday evening: Revs. H. King, Benj. Knepper, R. F. Main, J. H. Apple, D.D., L. Cort, J. F. Wiant, D. B. Lady, D.D., and L. P. Gærrig.

XVII.—Persons Invited to Address the Synod, and Their Subjects.

Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., "Home Missions"; Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., "Orphan Home"; Rev. A. M. Schmidt, "Franklin and Marshall College"; Prof. J. H. Apple, "Woman's College"; Rev. J. C. Leonard, "Catawba College."

XVIII.—Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Under Item 13 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was received an invitation to meet in St. John's Reformed church, Evans City, Pa. The report was tabled to enter upon the selection of time and place of next meeting.

It was decided to meet in *General Convention*, the first Wednesday of October, 3d, 1900, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

The invitation to meet in St. John's Reformed church, Evans City, Pa., was unanimously accepted; and it was decided that when we adjourn finally it be to meet in said church.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The roll was called and a quorum found present at the opening of every session and at close of the Synod. The minutes were read, corrected and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of Synod.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

The following resolutions were adopted Monday afternoon; the first by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Synod is about to close one of the

most enjoyable of the many pleasant sessions it has been permitted to hold, and,

WHEREAS, This has been in a large measure due to the wise arrangements and diligent care taken by the pastor and people of the church in which we have held these sessions, therefore,

Resolved, That Synod extends, hereby, to Pastor Crum and the people of St. Peter's Reformed church, and the friends of the community in general, its most hearty thanks for the very cordial reception and pleasant entertainment they have afforded its members at this meeting.

Resolved, That the sum of \$10 be paid the authorities of St. Peter's Reformed church of DuBois, to meet expenses incurred by our meeting here.

Resolved, That the pastor be directed to have these resolutions inserted in the city papers, and that he read the same from the pulpit of the church at the next regular Lord's day service.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to convey the thanks of Synod to the Baltimore & Ohio, the Pittsburgh & Western, the Allegheny Valley, the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad officials for the reduced rates granted the members to this meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned finally at 5 o'clock P. M., October 16th, 1899, A. D., to meet in *General Convention* in St. John's Reformed church, Evans City, Pa., on the first Wednesday in October, 3d, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod closed with singing the Gloria in Excelsis, repeating the Apostles' Creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, singing the Long Metre Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

EDGAR S. HASSLER, *President*.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy of the original minutes.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS for the year ending May 1, 1899.

MINISTERS	CHARGES	MEMBERS					ADDITIONS					LOSSES					S. S. STA- TISTICS					CONTRIBU- TIONS.		Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Communicable.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Catech. or Re-Profl.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Transfer of Names.	Deaths Communi- cants.	Deaths, Trans- ferred.	Students for Ministry.	Bunday-Schools.	Officers and Teach- ers.	Bunday-School Scholars.	Devolout Par- ishes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.					
J F Snyder	Emmanuel	1	284	286	261	21	1	8	9	9	9	9	3	1	21	200	3410 00	31050 00	16	30	Manor Dale, Pa.				
C R Diefenbacher D D	First Greensburg	1	630	565	445	36	13	13	4	4	4	5	7	1	40	450	1003 00	2698 97	15	56	Greensburg, Pa.				
C M Hartzell	Latrobe	2	324	286	173	16	14	11	10	10	7	7	4	2	45	271	523 04	1903 84	15	56	Latrobe, Pa.				
J N Bauman	Grace	1	308	210	200	11	4	12	13	2	6	6	2	1	18	163	320 00	1431 37	15	40	Jennett, Pa.				
J H Mickle	St John's	1	216	185	154	16	1	7	15	4	14	13	1	1	19	155	242 52	1864 19	25	90	Johnstown, Pa.				
D A Souder	Irwin	2	267	272	295	19	14	15	7	7	13	13	5	2	29	170	453 97	1076 00	20	58	Irwin Pa.				
J M Ryana	Denmark Manor	2	206	253	167	13	15	3	5	5	2	2	2	2	34	197	455 03	2294 28	13	52	Harrison City, Pa.				
E D Melzell	Scottdale	2	199	156	12	12	3	5	5	5	3	3	3	1	12	114	223 85	841 75	12	45	Scottdale, Pa.				
O S Stephan	Youngstown	3	202	168	109	2	1	10	8	4	9	9	5	...	22	145	98 86	529 23	10	50	Latrobe, Pa.				
T S Land	Brush Creek	2	232	231	131	9	11	8	8	3	4	4	1	1	23	123	434 27	1526 49	20	50	Manor Station, Pa.				
N B Mace	Second Greensburg	1	277	241	95	7	2	8	9	5	9	3	3	...	1	20	126	506 43	3448 04	15	100	Greensburg, Pa.			
W H Tinsling	Mt Pleasant	2	276	234	153	18	6	23	18	1	1	6	1	3	31	246	415 00	1568 00	25	48	Mt Pleasant, Pa.				
C K Wagner	Salem	2	231	194	116	7	1	2	6	6	5	3	3	1	31	127	260 36	1126 00	25	48	Delmont, Pa.				
H S Garner	Pleasant Unity-Harold	3	309	255	155	10	3	7	1	7	7	7	1	1	36	160	165 00	1307 00	19	10	Greensburg, Pa.				
A M Schaffner	Ruffdale	3	292	222	100	14	5	9	7	5	...	1	1	3	44	201	183 00	804 00	30	15	Ruffdale, Pa.				
A J Heller	Trinity	1	24	13	27	...	2	2	2	2	1	9	35	...	29 09	...	24	40	Connellsville, Pa.			
W S Fisher	Pine Run-Salina	2	232	172	117	10	...	6	8	3	1	1	3	...	...	...	262 57	507 47	14	40	North Washington, Pa.	
C W Runney	Without charge													...	...	...	...	...	1	1	North Washington, Pa.
C R Turner	Due Man Pub Rd													...	...	...	...	...	1	1	Philadelphia, Pa.
J McDaniel	Without charge													...	...	...	...	...	1	1	Salina, Pa.
Lucian Fort	Without charge													...	...	...	...	...	1	1	Scottdale, Pa.
	St James Congregation	1	168														
	Olive Congregation	1	35														
Ministors 21	17	33	464	3919	2704	222	25	169	113	84	70	64	26	430	412	32	9	26742 23	124414 81	197	747				

*Statement returned the annual meeting has been updated to Gospel ministry. Translated as pastor of the Pine Run Hallus charge, now North Washington.
 (Supplied by the pastor of the Pine Run Salina charge)

J. F. ANYDOR, States Clerk, Manor Dale, Pa.

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			S. S. STA- TISTICS.			CONTRIBU- TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
		Congregational.	Communicable.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert'd or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Failure of Names.	Deaths (Communi- cants).	Deaths (Uncon- firmed).	Students for Ministry.		Sunday-School Officers and Teach- ers.	Runday-School Scholars.	Governmental Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.
R. C. Bowling ..	..... Kittanning	1	344	133	153	18	3	5	11	3	23	3	3	3	1	13	64	\$192 00	\$2450 00	20	50	Kittanning, Pa
R. E. Crum ..	..... DuBois ..	2	323	259	251	15	3	16	11	4	2	2	1	2	1	22	134	203 00	1433 00	30	44	DuBois, Pa.
R. F. Gass ..	..... Red Bank	4	316	306	157	16	8	9	7	7	26	8	2	2	5	61	254	311 00	1006 00	30	44	Newburgh, Pa
D. W. Kerr ..	..... St John's	4	347	196	157	19	1	9	15	1	..	5	..	..	..	39	254	527 00	710 00	18	16	Warthville, Pa
L. W. Showers.	..... Plum Creek	8	299	272	254	19	7	7	7	5	..	7	..	..	..	29	206	268 00	546 00	18	12	Ediston Pa
J. N. Naly ..	..... Apollo	1	176	142	107	16	3	14	13	11	1	3	1	1	1	14	136	135 00	1050 00	2	112	Apollo, Pa.
H. D. Darbaker ..	..... Emonton	2	230	201	104	6	1	10	3	5	3	4	3	3	3	21	179	212 00	1090 00	20	90	Emonton, Pa
U. O. H. Kerschner.	..... St Petersburg.	1	311	329	128	11	3	10	6	18	3	5	2	2	2	54	267	268 00	1780 00	16	7	St Petersburg Pa
J. P. Bachman ..	..... Paradise	2	442	346	220	22	..	..	4	5	8	1	3	1	1	29	202	400 00	1115 00	25	44	Trentville, Pa
Lewis Reiter.	..... Beaver	2	447	335	225	15	1	13	1	3	..	7	4	3	3	22	178	474 00	1027 00	20	..	Monroe, Pa
F. M. Line ..	..... Curllsville	4	406	324	120	32	7	15	7	6	..	7	5	4	4	37	186	232 00	900 00	30	21	Rimersburg, Pa
I. A. Slies ..	..... South Bend	2	153	142	79	7	1	1	4	6	4	4	4	1	2	19	81	245 00	943 00	12	21	Apollo, Pa
Vacant ..	..... Punxsutawney.	1	45	42	..	3	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50 00	150 00	6	..	Punxsutawney, Pa
Vacant ..	..... Mt. Union	1	35	32	50	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 00	150 00	7	2	West Valley, Pa
W. C. Haupt ..	..... Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ministers, 13	Charges, 14.	25	3408	2038	2006	304	26	109	84	75	5	66	25	1	31	338	2472	\$3178 00	\$14507 00	197	1231	

R. E. CRUM, Stated Clerk, DuBois, Pa

ST. PAULY CLASSIS.

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J. H. Apple, D.D.	Without charge

Geo. E. Lambert, Stated Clerk, Grove City, Pa.

SOMERSET CLASSIS for the year ending June 7, 1899.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			R. & STA-TISTICS.			CONTRIBU-TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Congregational.	Communi-cants.	Uncon-firmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Communi-cants.	Deaths, Uncon-firmed.	Gratuities for Ministry.	Officers and Teach-ers.	Sunday-School Scholars.		Beneficent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purpose.	Minutes Wanted	Church Papers Taken
Benjamin Knepper	Watersburg, supply.	1	27	35	8										\$21 00			12	4	Watersburg, Pa.
Attram King	Somerset	4	325	128	16	1	5	7	3						44	211			19	Somerset, Pa.
Abner R. Kremer, D D	Berlin	1	258	228	10	1	4	7	4						21	155			20	Berlin, Pa.
William Rupp D D	Prof in Theo) Seminary																			Lancaster, Pa.
Adison C Snyder, Ph D	Without charge																			Boquet, Pa.
Samuel C Long	Team	4	219	184	12	10									19				14	Jenners-town, Pa.
Edgar S Haessler	Wilhelm	2	308	258	210	22	3	5	2						22	158			21	Keim, Pa.
Daniel H Leader	Paradise	2	258	292	156	14	2	13	2						25	201			23	Elk Lick, Pa.
Franklin Wetzel	Stoyestown	4	234	218	144	4	1	3	4						20	180			35	Stoyestown, Pa.
Albert E Truxal D D	Meyersdale	1	462	349	712	46	2	23	12						29	260			58	Meyersdale, Pa.
Eugene P. Blyles	Zion	4	392	321	235	17	2	28	7						32				32	Berlin, Pa.
John T. Ballet	New Centreville	3	278	173	115	1	17	5							25	130			15	Rockwood, Pa.
Urban C. Gutelius	Cumberland	2	102	84	60	11	4	14	5						19	165			5	Cumberland, Md.
Conrad A. Hauser	Frostburg	1	309	185	162	22	8	8	3						26	237			4	Frostburg, Md.
John D. Hunsicker	Willie Creek	4	237	265	312	18			6						24	182			5	Glencoe, Pa.
Adolphus Walker	Hyndman	5	185	73	67	3			4						13	89			4	Hyndman, Pa.
R. Franklin Main	Assistant Beam																			Holmsville, Pa.
E. B. Hamner	Garratt, supply.	1	27	31	35	11	2	1	2						8	60			4	Garratt, Pa.
Ministers 17	Charges 73	19	2780	2367	2349	179	15	131	85	50	54	37	2	25	321	3126				358

*Dismissed to Allegheny County, June 7, 1899.

Received from Maryland Classis, September 26, 1899, and ordained and installed assistant pastor of Beam charge and missionary at Windber, September 28, 1899.

EDGAR S. HASSLER, Stated Clerk, Kelm, Pa.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS for the year ending May 1, 1899.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	MEMBERS			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			S. S. STA-TISTICS.			CONTRIBU-TIONS.			Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Congregational.	Communicants	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Pressure of Names.	Deaths, Communi-cants.	Deaths, Uncon-firmed.	Students for Ministry.	Sunday-Schools.				Officers and Teach-ers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Benevolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purpose.
John H Prugh, D D.	Grace	1	336	317	148	13	2	30	19	9	13	4	4	4	1	31	125	\$1850 00	\$4700 00	12	50	203 Coltart Sq. Pittsburgh, Pa.	
D. N Harnish	Butler	2	286	351	194	23	1	12	26	17	2	5	1	1	1	37	314	1450 00	1950 00	25	100	Butler, Pa.	
A. K. Kline	St Luke's	1	101	91	76	8		7	15		3	1	4			19	130	130 00	394 00	30	46	315 Camp Ave., Braddock, Pa.	
Paul Kinyah	Hungarian	1	800	700	125	39		5	106		50	16	1					45 00	1200 00	5		Bates St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	
C. L. Alsopach	Trinity	1	280	251	111	13	2	4	34	2	36	3	2	1				239 00	3671 00	30		Station D., Pittsburgh, Pa.	
H. W. Bright	Trinity	1	121	105	60	14	6	14	14	5	9	2	2	1				106 00	3145 00	9	15	New Kensington, Pa.	
J. G. Walter	St Mark's	1	145	110	71	5		9	19	3		2	2	3				2100 00	3535 00	13	76	315 N Euclid Av, Pittsb'gh, Pa.	
C. F. Althouse.	Fairview	2	360	231	154	22	8	21	14	2	9	6	2	1				313 00	1031 00	20	87	Baldwin, Pa.	
A. H. Smith	First McKeesport	1	114	69	40	16	3	3	14		4	2	1	1				154 00	948 00	10	30	1005 Evans Av., McKeesport, Pa.	
T. R. Dietz	Cutlery	1	135	112	50	9	1	7	15			3	1	1				108 00	2037 00	8	12	Turtle Creek, Pa.	
John A. Lenzinger	Grace	1	230	175	95	1		1	4	6		6		1				232 00	635 00	15	100	Harmony, Pa.	
Chas. H. Faust	St Paul's	1	210	188	92	11		6	5	3		2	1	2				97 00	477 00	15		Adams Armstrong Co., Pa.	
J. F. Kerlin	St John's	1	122	117	57			11	10		10	3		1				134 00	807 00	35	4	Evans City, Pa.	
W. G. Klein	Dethany	2	156	123	63	11	1	8	10	3	11	2						141 00	763 00	10		Butler, Pa.	
P. C. Prugh, D D	Supt St Paul's Orph																						Butler, Pa.
C. Knepper	Without charge																						Carnegie, Pa.
A. M. Schmidt	Field Sec'y P. & M. Coll.																						Lancaster, Pa.
E. H. Otting	Without charge																						Warren, O.
D. O. Klein	Without charge																						
A. C. Snyder	Received and enrolled																						
Lieut J. K. Adams	Sept 11, 1899																						
50	14	17	3480	3080	1522	193	25	125	306	69	147	57	29		1	115	254	2078	\$7133 00	\$24803 00	216	519	

*Dismissed to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod
 Ordained and installed June 7 and 8, respectively

D. N. HARNISH, Stated Clerk, Butler, Pa.

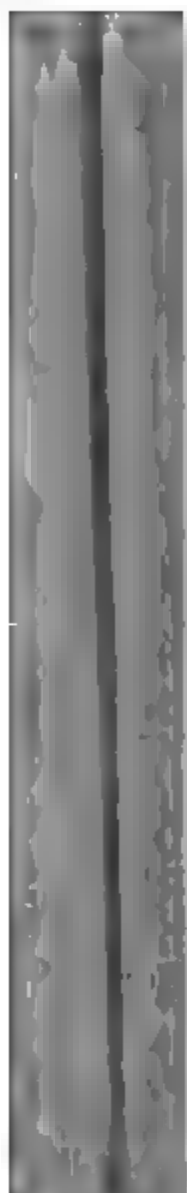
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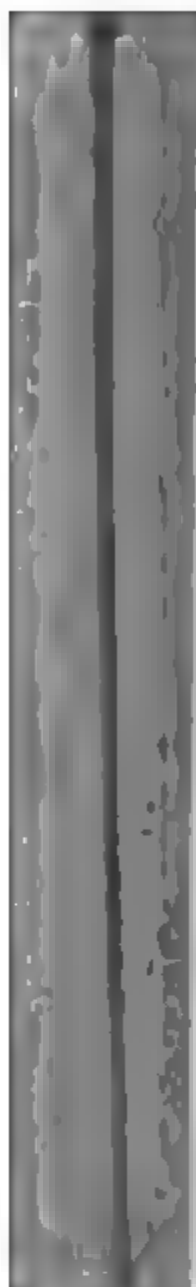
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						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificates of Ba- ptism.	Communicant.			Unconfirmed.	Parish.					Congregational.			
Westmoreland Classis ..	1	21	4553	3319	2764	222	26	169	112	84	70	64	55	4	29	142	2,349	26,343 32	334,314 83	367	707	
Warren Classis ..	2	13	3838	3032	3035	304	25	160	94	78	59	55	25	1	21	244	2,472	2,478 00	14,507 05	187	421	
St. Paul's Classis ..	1	12	2775	2404	1233	123	30	119	74	54	125	28	7	4	18	224	1,460	3,418 23	14,552 58	146	439	
Somerset Classis ..	1	17	3760	3267	2240	179	16	131	107	91	80	54	27	8	20	221	2,126	2,468 00	21,782 00	210	262	
Allegheny Classis ..	1	20	3489	3060	1522	183	26	128	106	49	147	57	22	1	15	254	2,075	7,158 00	24,262 00	216	314	
Pittsburgh Synod's Totals ..	5	64	18,000	16,719	9,799	811	110	697	461	242	5	471	117	117	11	120	1647	11,223	323,677 48	4101	1024	2872
Eastern Synod ..	1	12	97,061	81,131	50,629	5185	428	4170	2513	1619	1022	1807	847	84					79,429 00	449,105 00		
Ohio Synod ..	1	6	24,054	19,349	5,895	717	44	969	731	463	3	581	404	100	32				22,248 00	116,272 00		
Northwest Synod.	1	100	21,374	15,077	14,491	1,558	54	1,129	837	180	5	426	212	177	29				15,018 00	101,499 00		
Potomac Synod ..	1	303	34,392	29,847	23,479	1,720	230	1,468	927	628	1	265	654	222	48				40,777 00	175,060 00		
German Synod of the East ..	1	5	15,186	9,226	11,770	1,896	18	822	464	102	2	471	210	109	16				7,278 00	90,744 00		
Central Synod ..	1	5	101	122	13,342	1,157	44	920	854	213	499	318	171	20	20				13,686 00	29,586 00		
Interior Synod ..	1	5	2,561	2,560	1,348	147	65	140	168	77	162	42	12	8	8				6,222 00	29,739 00		
Totals ..	157	1077	1677	129,920	109,442	122,200	12,894	11,271	7071	3731	14	4800	4107	1942	299	129	1447	11,223	323,677 48	51,144,786 00	1024	2872

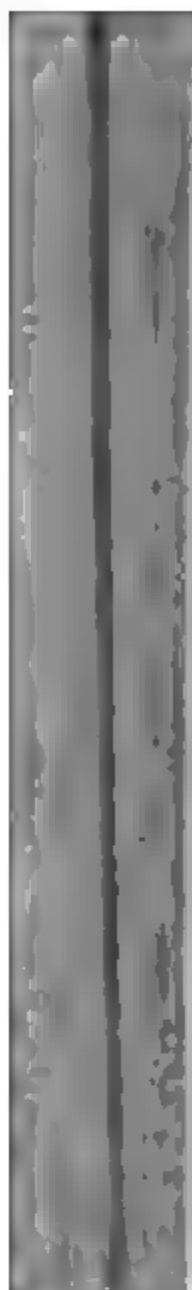


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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Pittsburgh Synod

OF THE

Reformed Church

In the United States

IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT

EVANS CITY, BUTLER COUNTY, PA.

October 3d to 8th, 1900

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PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

EVANS CITY, BUTLER CO., PA., OCTOBER 3-8, 1900.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States met pursuant to resolution taken at its last regular meeting in *General Convention*, on Wednesday, October 3d, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., in St. John's Reformed church, Evans City, Butler Co., Pa., and was opened with divine service. The sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. Edgar S. Hassler, of Keim, Pa., from Matt. 13:16-17, "But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear and heard them not."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President and constituted with prayer. Thereupon the roll was called and a quorum found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Westmoreland Classis.

Ministers: J. F. Snyder, C. M. Hartzell,¹ J. N. Bauman, J. H. Mickley, D. A. Souders, J. M. Evans, E. D. Meixell, D. S. Stephan,⁶ T. S. Land, W. H. Tussing, C. E. Wagner,⁶ H. S. Garner, A. M. Schaffner, A. J. Heller, D.D., W. S. Fisher,⁶ W. A. McClellan, C. W. Summey,⁶ John McConnell, Lucien Cort.

Elders: W. W. Cline, A. G. Saxmen, J. F. Brinker,⁶ Thos. Sarver, Alex. Leonard, J. G. Wiant, John Shrum, W. R. Barnhart, Jacob Byers,¹ Wm. Bortz, L. F. Jones,² ⁶ J. R. Leighty, G. A. B. Nicely, J. E. Kunkle,⁶ Chas. Kane.¹

Ministers Absent: S. B. Mase, C. R. Ferner and Frank Csanfordi.

Charges not Represented: St. John's, Scottdale, Connelsville, and Pine-Run-Salina.

II.—Clarion Classis.

Ministers: R. C. Bowling, R. E. Crum,¹ D. W. Kerr, J. N. Naly, H. D. Darbaker, U. O. H. Kerschner,² Lewis Heiter, F. M. Line,³ I. A. Sites, E. H. Lauback.⁴

Elders: L. E. Weber,⁵ Henry Fullmer, A. Schneider, and Aug. Weber.⁶

Ministers Absent: R. F. Gass, L. W. Showers and W. C. Haupt.

Charges not Represented: Kittanning, Red Bank, St. John's, Plum Creek, Apollo, Emlenton, Curlsville, South Bend, Beaver and Mt. Union.

III.—St. Paul's Classis.

Ministers: A. M. Keifer, D. B. Lady, D.D., D. E. Master, S. T. Wagner,¹ F. L. Kerr, M. N. George, J. E. Sheets, and J. W. Albertson.

Elders: W. J. Moyer, John Baker, Wm. Lubold, L. D. Weber,² W. W. Deichman,³ Aug. Miller,⁴ A. R. Mowell and D. H. Mohr.

Ministers Absent: J. H. Apple, D.D., J. E. Wiant, L. P. Goerrig and A. S. Glessner.

Charges not Represented: Meadville and St. Paul's (Sharon).

IV.—Somerset Classis.

Ministers: H. King, S. C. Long, E. S. Hassler, A. E. Truxal, D.D., E. P. Skyles,¹ J. T. Balliet, U. C. E. Gutelius, R. F. Main, J. P. Harner² and H. S. May.³

Elders: Eli Stanton,⁴ W. L. Brant,⁵ R. C. Sinn,⁶ G. H. Smith and C. J. Otto.⁷

Ministers Absent: Benj. Knepper, A. R. Kremer, D.D., Wm. Rupp, D.D., C. A. Hauser, J. D. Hunsicker and A. Walker.

Charges not Represented: Wellersburg, Somerset, Berlin, Beam, Myersdale, New Centerville, Wills Creek, Hyndman, Frostburg and Glade.

V.—Allegheny Classis.

Ministers: J. H. Prugh, D.D.,¹ P. C. Prugh, D.D.,² D. N. Harnish, A. M. Schmidt,³ A. K. Kline, J. G. Walter,⁴ C. F. Althouse,⁵ J. A. Luzinger, J. F. Kerlin, T. R. Deitz, E. H. Otting,⁶ C. H. Faust, W. G. Klein,⁷ J. K. Adams, D. H. Leader and P. S. Leinbach.⁸

Elders: J. M. Conroy,⁹ A. O. Eberhart,¹⁰ W. A. Boling, W. H. Shoemaker, Henry Young,¹¹ C. H. Snyder, H. M. Brandon, George Keckler,¹² H. F. Texter and Jacob Sitler.¹³

Ministers Absent: Chas. Knepper, D. G. Klein, A. H. Smith, Paul Konyha, and A. C. Snyder, Ph.D.

Charges not Represented: St. Mark's, Farview, First Hungarian, St. Paul's and Homestead.

Unexcused at Last Roll Call: J. M. Conroy, C. H. Snyder and Adam Schneider.

VI.—Advisory Members.

Eastern Synod: J. P. Moore, D.D., C. J. Musser, R. W. Miller and Elder F. E. Heller.

Potomac Synod: Revs. J. M. Schick, D.D., and S. S. Miller.

German Synod of the East: Revs. H. Holliger, and C. Borchers.

Interior Synod: Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.

Pittsburg Synod: Elders P. Keil and John Reimold.

VII.—Visiting Ministers.

Rev. W. C. Webb, Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance, Philadelphia, and Rev. J. H. Dounds, of the United Presbyterian Church.

Note.—*Appeared*—¹Thursday, ²Friday, ³Saturday. *Excused*—⁴Friday, ⁵Saturday, ⁶Monday, ⁷Last roll call.

⁸S. G. Ebersole ⁹occupied seat of the primaries Saturday and Monday.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:

Rev. Daniel N. Harnish, *President*, Butler, Pa.

Rev. J. Grant Walter, *Vice-President*, Pittsburg, Pa.

Rev. J. Harvey Mickley is *Stated Clerk*, Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. Charles F. Althouse, *Corresponding Secretary*, Baldwin, Pa.

Rev. Daniel H. Leader, *Treasurer*, New Kensington, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were observed by the Synod in the transaction of business; but the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The Bar of the House.—The first nine rows of pews were defined as the Bar of the House.

Session Hours.—The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the daily sessions of Synod, viz: 9 o'clock A. M. and 4.30 P. M., with a recess from 11.30 A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M. These hours were observed except that on Thursday afternoon Synod adjourned at 3.40 o'clock, and on

Friday afternoon the time was extended 5 minutes, and on Monday afternoon the time was extended to 5 o'clock and an Evening Session was held from 7 o'clock to 10.15 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Religious Service.—Revs. J. F. Kerlin, J. A. Leuzinger, W. G. Klein, Elders Henry Young and H. M. Brandon.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. D. S. Stephan, C. H. Faust, R. R. Main, and Elders J. C. Wiant and A. O. Eberhart.

Overtures.—Revs. C. F. Althouse, C. W. Summey, M. N. George, and Elders Thomas Sarver and L. D. Weber.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. D. W. Kerr, H. S. Garner, E. H. Otting, and Elders D. H. Mohr and Charles Kane.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Lucien Cort, John McConnell, J. T. Balliet, and Elders Adam Schneider and Aug. Miller.

State of the Church.—Revs. E. S. Hassler, S. C. Long, R. M. Line, and Elders C. J. Otto and H. F. Texter.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. T. S. Land, D. H. Leader, F. L. Kerr, and Elders John Shrum and George Keckler.

Missions.—Revs. John H. Prugh, D.D., J. F. Snyder, P. S. Leinbach, and Elders W. F. Moyer and Wm. W. Cline.

Institutions of Learning.—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., J. M. Evans, Lewis Reiter, and Elders Jacob Brinker and W. W. Deichman.

Education.—Revs. D. A. Souders, D. E. Master, H. King, and Elders Wm. Lubold and W. A. Bowling.

Publication.—Revs. R. C. Bowling, J. N. Bauman, J. K. Adams, and Elders Alex. Leonard and L. D. Weber.

Nominations.—Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., H. D. Darbaker, C. W. Summey, and Elders Jacob Baker and A. G. Saxman.

Finance.—Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., A. K. Kline, A. M. Schaffner, and Elders J. M. Conroy and J. R. Leighty.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. W. H. Tussing, S. C. Long, W. G. Klein, and Elders M. H. Brandon and Charles Kane.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. J. G. Walter, U. C. E. Gutelius, W. S. Fisher, and Elders Wm. Bortz and Henry Young.

Orphan Home.—Revs. A. M. Keifer, T. R. Deitz, E. H. Laubach, and Elders A. R. Mowell and W. R. Barnhart.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of the Synod and of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset and Allegheny Classes were received and referred to the proper committees.

2. The representatives of seven Boards of Synod reported and the reports were referred to the proper committees.

3. Eighteen other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

The Synod throughout its sessions observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine service.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported at various times, and the report as finally adopted and carried out is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburg Synod:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following:

Wednesday evening, Opening of Synod: Altar Service by Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., and Rev. J. A. Leuzinger. Sermon by the retiring President of Synod, Rev. E. S. Hassler.

Thursday evening, The Sunday-school Interest: Rev. C. M. Hartzell, presiding. Addresses: "The Twentieth Century Sunday-school," by Rev. Rufus W. Miller; "The Reformed Church and Sunday-school," by Rev. A. M. Keifer.

Friday evening, The Orphans Home: Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., presiding. Addresses by Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., and Rev. J. N. Bauman.

Saturday, 2.30 P. M., Preparatory Service: Altar Service by Rev. J. N. Naly and Rev. M. N. George. Sermon by Rev. Paul S. Leinbach.

Saturday evening, Educational and Publication Interests: Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., presiding. Subjects, "Educational Interests," by Rev. A. M. Schmidt; "Publicational Interests," by Rev. C. J. Musser.

Sunday, 9.30 A. M., Sunday-school: Addresses by Revs. M. N. George, J. N. Naly, A. E. Truxal, D.D.

Sunday, 11.00 A. M., The Holy Communion: Altar Service by Rev. J. H. Mickley and Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Tussing.

Sunday, 3.00 P. M., Christian Endeavor: Addresses by Rev. J. N. Bauman, Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Rev. C. J. Musser and U. O. H. Kerschner.

Sunday evening, 7.30, The Twentieth Century Movement in Missions: Rev. D. A. Souders, presiding. Addresses: "The Home Movement in Mission," Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., Gen'l Sec'y of the Home Board; "The Foreign Movement in Missions," by Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., Vice-President of the Foreign Board.

Services in Other Churches on the Lord's Day.

Evans City, Presbyterian Church.—10.45 A. M., Rev. R. C. Bowling; 7.30 P. M., Rev. C. M. Hartzell.

Evans City, United Presbyterian Church.—10.45 A. M., Rev. T. S. Land; 7.30 P. M., Rev. U. C. Gutelius.

Evans City, Baptist Church.—10.45 A. M. Rev. D. H. Leader; 7.30 P. M., Rev. F. L. Kerr.

J. F. KERLIN, Wm. G. KLEIN.
J. A. LEUZINGER, HENRY YOUNG.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Standing Committee reported Friday and Saturday. The report was considered by items, amended and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburg Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod offers the following report.

Item 1, p. 6. Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology. Rev. S. T. Wagner, chairman.

Item 2, p. 9. The attention of the Stated Clerk is called to the action of General Synod regarding Licensures, Ordinations, etc.

Item 3, p. 12. The permanent committee on the Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., chairman.

Item 4, p. 12. Raising standard for entrance into ministry.

Item 5, p. 12. Continues Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., representative of the Synod at the inauguration, Rev. George W. Richards, Professor-elect in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 6, p. 12. The instructions to the Stated Clerk to purchase oak case for the Archives of Synod reaffirmed.

Item 7, p. 26. Synod orders the following sums to be paid to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary: (a) For current and extraordinary expense, \$300; (b) for Professor of Elocution, \$100.

Item 8, p. 27. The Swander Lectureship. (a) That the \$1,200 fund be used to establish the Swander Lectureship. (b) That the Faculty be empowered to appoint a lecturer from year to year. (c) Synod recommended that Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., be appointed the first lecturer in said course.

Item 9, p. 27. Synod ordered the payment of the traveling expenses of its members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary in attending the meetings of said Board.

Item 10, p. 27. Elder W. R. Barnhart is continued as manager in investing funds of the Pittsburgh Synod's Theological Professor's Endowment.

Item 11, p. 38. Synod recommends the "Twentieth Century Movement in Missions" and recommends the appointment of committees of three in Classes and consistories.

Item 12, p. 45. Synod recommended the Classical committees to co-operate with the Financial Secretary in securing the money pledged this year for the F. and M. Science Building.

Item 13, pp. 52 and 53. Publication recommendations. (a) Synod recommends the advisability of the separation of the two boards. (b) Commends the "Messenger" and "Review" through the Classes. (c) Likewise the Book Department. (d) Instruction to the Corresponding Secretary.

Item 14, p. 53. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have published and distributed 2,200 copies of the minutes.

Item 15, p. 53. Expiration of terms of office: *Trustee of Synod*, Elder W. G. King; *Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., J. N. Bauman and Elder J. E. Kunkle; *Trustees of Literary Institutions*, Revs. R. F. Gass and H. D. Darbaker; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; *Board of Home Missions*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *Sunday-school Board*, Rev. J. N. Naly.

Item 16, p. 64. Synod apportioned the following on the several Classes:

	Regular.	Foreign Missions.	Catawba College (Tentative)
Westmoreland	\$2,460	\$778	\$130
Clarion	1,860	591	100
St. Paul's	1,375	444	75
Somerset	1,875	604	100
Allegheny	1,375	558	95

Item 17, p. 64. The Treasurers of the several Classes are instructed to transmit at stated times quarterly to the Treasurer of Synod.

Item 18, p. 64. Synod requests the record of Clearfield Co. to be satisfied regarding the mortgage against St. Peter's Reformed Church, DuBois, Pa.

Item 19, p. 65. Instructions to Treasurer of Synod.

Item 20, p. 72. Synod through the Classes urges: (a) That special effort be put forth in behalf of the 20th Century S. S. Movement and the Home Department. (b) Advising S. S. Board to designate catechism questions and answers. Advises the designation of questions and answers in the Junior Quarterly. (c) Suggests a separation of publication interests. (d) Urges complete S. S. statistics.

Item 21, p. 75. Recommendations regarding St. Paul's Orphan Home. (a) That the Classes take action to secure larg-

est possible income to the Home. (b) That the Christmas and Children's Day offerings be devoted, and the claims presented in sermon or otherwise. (c) That the Classes appoint members to the Ladies Auxiliary Board, and notify the regular Board. (d) That the Classes co-operate with the Board in making St. Paul's Day general throughout the Synod.

Item 22, pp. 79 and 80. Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. (a) Urges the consideration and taking an offering on the ministers of Synod. (b) The Classes are asked to request their congregations to give an annual offering.

Item 23, p. 80. The Board of Trustees are instructed to organize.

Item 24, p. 80. Synod ordered \$200 aid to Rev. J. F. Wiant for the ensuing year.

Item 25, p. 80. Synod appoints a committee on Religious Service for next meeting. Rev. J. F. Kerlin, chairman.

Item 26, p. 81. Regarding Chaplain for the Institutions at Lancaster. (a) Recommends the securing of a chaplain. (b) The authorities are overtured to consider the same. (c) The Corresponding Secretary is instructed to forward the action of Synod.

Item 27, p. 81. The adoption of the Rules of Order was tabled till the next annual meeting.

Item 28, p. 81. Additional instructions to Corresponding Secretary, viz: Thanks to Messrs. DuBois and Hatfield, and Synod's action regarding St. Peter's church mortgage to the **General Synod's Mission Board.**

Item 29, p. 83. **Thanks of Synod.** (a) To Pastor Crum and the members of St. Peter's Reformed Church, and the reading of the same from the pulpit. (b) The Stated Clerk, the railroads.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SNIDER STEPHAN,

CHAS. H. FAUST, R. FRANKLIN MAIN,
JOHN G. WIAANT, A. O. EBERHART.

The following action was taken:

Item 1. The standing committee reported and the report was adopted. (See Art. XXI.)

Item 2. Attended to excepting on the part of the Stated Clerk of Clarion Classis.

Item 3. The Permanent Committee reported and the report was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. (See Art. XVI.)

Items 5. (See Art. XXIII.), 6, 7, 13 (a to d) 14, 21 (a and b), 22 (b), 23, (See Art. XXIII.), 24, 25, 28 to 30 were found, attended to and adopted.

Item 8. Adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. (See Art. XIII.)

Items 9, 15, 20 (c and d) and 22 (a) adopted.

Item 10. Elder W. R. Barnhart reported. (See Art. XIII.) The report was adopted and Elder Barnhart continued.

Item 11. Synod's Twentieth Century Committee reported. (See Art. XIV.) and it was found that the Classes had in part complied with its recommendations.

Items 4, 12, 16, 19, 20 (a) and 21 (d). Found attended to in part and adopted.

Item 17. Found attended to excepting Clarion Classis and adopted.

Item 18. The item was adopted and Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., was appointed to attend to having the mortgage against St. Peter's Reformed Church, DuBois, Pa., cancelled.

Item 20 (b). Dr. Lady reported that the S. S. Board of the General Synod had considered the matter and found it could not comply with Synod's Request. The item was adopted.

Item 21 (c). Found attended to except Clarion Classis.

Item 26 (a-c). It was shown that the Corresponding Secretary attended to the matter, but no report had been received from the several Faculties at Lancaster, Pa. The item was adopted.

Item 27. The item was adopted and the matter concerning the Rules of Order was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Mickley, and Elder A. G. Saxman, with instructions to report at next meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures reported Thursday and Saturday. The report was considered by items and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Standing Committee on Overtures offer the following report:

Item 1. The annual report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 2. Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Item 3. Report and Catalogue of F. and M. College.

Item 4. Report of General Synod's Sunday-school Board.

Item 5. The resignation of Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., from different Boards.

Item 6. A request from Rev. L. P. Goerrig to be excused for absence from meeting of Synod.

Item 7. A similar request from Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D.

Item 8. A similar request from Rev. J. F. Wiant.

- Item 9.* A copy of Reformed Robbers, by Rev. I. A. Sites.
- Item 10.* Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
- Item 11.* Report of Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows.
- Item 12.* Request of Turtle Creek Mission, for \$200 aid for payment of interest.
- Item 13.* Catalogue of Allentown College for Women.
- Item 14.* A copy of "The Church Member," by Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D.
- Item 15.* A request from Rev. J. D. Hunsicker to be excused for absence from meeting of Synod.
- Item 16.* A similar request from Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D.
- Item 17.* A similar request from Rev. A. H. Smith.
- Item 18.* A similar request from Rev. S. B. Mase.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. ALTHOUSE,
C. W. SUMMEY, M. N. GEORGE,
THOMAS SARVER, L. D. WEBER.

The following action was taken:

- Item 1.* The report was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. See Art. XIV.
- Item 2.* Same action as Item 1.
- Item 3.* The report was read and with the Catalogue referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. See Art. XV.
- Item 4.* Read and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. See Art. XXI.
- Item 5.* The resignation was accepted and the vacancies referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.
- Items 6, 7, 15 to 18.* The brethren were excused.
- Item 8.* The Brother was excused and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to extend the sympathy of Synod to him.
- Item 9.* The book was referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. C. W. Summey, C. E. Wagner and Elder Jacob Sitler. See Art. XXIII.
- Item 10.* The report was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. See Art. XV.
- Item 11.* The report was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. P. C. Prugh, D.D., J. W. Albertson and Elder L. E. Weber. See Art. XXIII.
- Item 12.* The request was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. U. O. H. Kerschner, R. F. Main and Elder D. H. Mohr. See Art. XXIII.
- Item 13.* The Catalogue was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. See Art. XV.

Item 14. The book was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., W. S. Fisher and Elder Aug. Weber. See Art. XXIII.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported Saturday. The report was considered by items and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully offers the following report:

I.—Irregularities.

Item 1. (a) St. Paul's Classis fails to furnish complete minutes of all its special meetings.

(b) Clarion Classis fails to use marginal references on its written minutes.

II.—Requests or Overtures.

Item 2. (a) Westmoreland Classis overtures Pittsburgh Synod to request the Seminary authorities to exercise more caution in admitting students for the ministry. (Page 21).

(b) Westmoreland Classis overtures Pittsburgh Synod to overture General Synod with reference to the election of members of the various Boards. (Page 36).

(c) Clarion Classis overtures the S. S. Board through Pittsburgh Synod to enlarge and enhance the "Leaves of Light."

(d) Allegheny Classis overtures the Home Mission Board through Pittsburgh Synod, to secure for Pitcairn a Missionary at once.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.—None.

IV.—Subjects Referred.

Item 3. All matters referred to the Classes by Synod were favorably acted upon, except that

(a) Westmoreland Classis declines to accept its apportionment of \$130 for Catawba College.

(b) Westmoreland Classis declines to accept \$90 of its apportionment, but instead apportions \$400 for a church-building fund.

(c) Westmoreland Classis fails to appoint a committee of three to forward the interests of the 20th Century movement in Missions.

(d) Westmoreland Classis took no action with reference to St. Paul's Orphans Home Day.

(e) Clarion Classis declines to instruct its Treasurer to remit quarterly.

(f) Clarion Classis fails to appoint a Woman's Auxiliary Committee and to direct that the offerings of Children's Day and Christmas be for the use of the Home but arranges otherwise for the support of the Home.

(g) St. Paul's Classis accepts its apportionment of \$75 for Catawba College, but fails to apportion this amount upon its several charges.

(h) St. Paul's Classis directs its Children's Day offering to go to the Sunday-school Board instead of to the Orphans' Home.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

Item 4 (a) Westmoreland Classis licensed Clarence E. Zimmerman; received Licentiate W. A. McClellan from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod, and ordained him; received Rev. Francis Csanfordi from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; and dismissed Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher to Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod.

(b) Clarion Classis received Rev. E. H. Laubach from Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod, and dismissed Rev. J. P. Bachman to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod.

(c) St. Paul's Classis received Licentiate J. E. Scheetz from East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him; received Licentiate J. W. Albertson from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him; received Rev. M. N. George from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. E. E. Emhoff to Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior, Rev. Geo. E. Limbert to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. H. S. Crow to West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

(d) Somerset Classis ordained Licentiate R. F. Main; received Rev. J. P. Harner from Virginia Classis, Potomac Synod, and Rev. H. S. May from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed Rev. D. H. Leader to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and Rev. Wetzel to West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

(e) Allegheny Classis ordained Licentiate J. K. Adams; received Rev. D. H. Leader from Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and Rev. P. S. Leinbach from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; and dismissed Rev. C. L. Alspach to Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod.

VI.—Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting.

Item 5. (a) Westmoreland Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Irwin, Pa., on Ascension Day, May, 1901,

at 8 p. m. Rev. D. S. Stephen, *President*; Rev. J. F. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

(b) Clarion Classis will meet in St. Peter's Reformed Church St. Petersburg, Pa., Wednesday evening, May 29th, 1901, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. R. F. Gass, *President*; Rev. R. E. Crum, *Stated Clerk*.

(c) St. Paul's Classis will meet in the Saegerstown Reformed Church, Saegerstown, Pa., Tuesday evening, June 6th, 1901, at 8 o'clock. Rev. D. E. Master, *President*; Rev. F. L. Kerr, *Stated Clerk*.

(d) Somerset Classis will meet in Mt. Zion Reformed Church, Zion Charge, Thursday evening, May 30th, 1901, at 7.45 o'clock. Rev. E. P. Skyles, *President*; Rev. E. S. Hassler, *Stated Clerk*.

(e) Allegheny Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Harmony, Pa., the third Monday in May, 1901, or May 20th, at 7.45 p. m. Rev. J. A. Leuzinger, *President*; Rev. D. N. Harnish, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. KERR,

H. S. GARNER, CHAS. KANE.

E. H. OTTING, D. H. MOHR,

The following action was taken:

Item 1. (a) The sub-item was adopted and the attention of St. Paul's Classis called to its failure.

(b) The sub-item was adopted and the attention of Clarion Classis called to its failure.

Item 2. (a) The sub-item was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Education. (See Art. XVI).

(b) The sub-item was adopted and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. F. L. Kerr, E. D. Meixell and Elder G. H. Smith. (See Art. XXIII).

(c) The sub-item was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. (See Art. XXI).

(d) The sub-item was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. (See Art. XIV).

Item 3. (a) The sub-item was adopted.

(b) The sub-item was adopted and Westmoreland Classis was urged to accept all the apportionments.

(c) and (d) The sub-items were adopted.

(e) The sub-item was adopted and the action of last year reiterated, and Clarion Classis urged to comply with Synod's instructions.

(f) The sub-item was adopted, and the attention of Clarion Classis called to its failure.

(g) and (h) The sub-items were adopted, and the attention of St. Paul's Classis called to its failure.

- Item 4. (a-e)* The item was adopted.
Item 5. (a-e) The item was adopted.
 The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported on Monday. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN.—Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would report, that no applications having appeared before them, we accordingly have nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIEN COIT,
 JOHN McCONNELL, J. T. BALLIST,
 AUGUSTUS MILLER, ADAM SNYDER.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church reported on Monday, and the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—Your Committee on the State of the Church begs leave to report as follows:

In summing up the fruits of another year's harvest in the vineyards of the Lord within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, as set forth in the reports of the different Classes, we have much cause for joy and thankfulness, and we ascribe all honor, gratitude and praise to our Lord, Jesus Christ, who "from the beginning unto the ends of the world gathers, defends, and preserves unto Himself out of the whole human race, a church chosen unto everlasting life."

The prosecution of the regular work of the Church has been carried on throughout the year with no serious interruption. It is with a grateful appreciation of the kindness and favor of our Heavenly Father, that we report no serious illness or death among the ministry of Synod, during the past year. Yet many of our faithful members have been called from the church militant to the church triumphant, and notably among these are two elders, William Appel, a delegate to Synod last year and a member of its Board of Trustees of Theological

Seminary, and John C. Fox, a primarius delegate to Synod this year.

God has crowned the earnest efforts of His obedient servants with success. All the Classes recognize their dependence upon God, and without exception, all express their thanksgiving to Him for His blessing upon their efforts.

There have been difficulties and discouragements. One Classis laments the difficulty of securing male attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, another is sorry that not a single charge reports any students for the ministry, another regrets the necessity imposed upon so many of its members of working on the Lord's Day, and still another in a regretful tone states that no Sunday-school conventions were held during the year. Yet we believe that in general, the work of the Lord has prospered in our Synod. Many and strong evidences are not wanting to show that, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, and through an increased consciousness of our peculiar church life and spirit, the work of grace is steadily going forward in our midst, bringing to light and to practice the true power of godliness, and glorifying the work and the church of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

While there has been a decrease of four in the number of ministers, there has been an increase of three in the number of congregations. There has been likewise an increase in the number of charges without a pastor. This matter calls for consideration and renewed activity, in providing the flocks with faithful shepherds, without which they cannot be led by the still waters and in the green pastures of the great Shepherd's love.

There is an increase in the number of members of the church and Sunday-school, but it is small. The amount contributed for congregational purposes is about the same as that of last year. The most noticeable decrease in the statistics is the number of church papers taken. We think it fitting to explain, however, that this decrease is due to the discontinuance of the "Reformed Church Tidings."

It is with the greatest joy that we report the benevolent contributions about fifty per cent. larger than last year. This is undoubtedly evidence of a strong, healthy condition in the churches of the Synod. To meet the ever-expanding work of the cause of Christ in its various departments, there must be constant and large increase in the benevolence of the Church. The churches of our Synod have now a work to do for Christian education. This work calls for the benevolences of our people in large measure. The Church has the ability, and as she comes to realize her duty, privilege and responsibility, will she do this work, and bring it to a cheerful and speedy issue.

We are confident that there has been marked progress in all that helps to build up churchly spirit and Christian charac-

ter, the faithful preaching of the Gospel in its purity, the earnest attention given to the instruction of the young in the Catechetical class, and the Sunday-school, the regular administration of the sacraments, the influence exerted by the missionary and other societies—all are indicative of the fact that our Church is alive and progressive, a Church constantly endeavoring to fulfill the sacred trust committed to her.

We are truly thankful for the progress and accomplishments of the past. We are truly thankful for the conditions of the present. We are confident that at no time before, were the conditions so favorable as they are now, for the future progress and prosperity of our beloved Zion. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire Synod. Confidence exists in the management of our Missionary and other Boards. The organization and equipment of our churches are, if not perfect and complete, yet of such a character as to make them able for great and good work in the future.

Let us now go forward, deeply conscious of the grand opportunities awaiting us in the Twentieth Century, and our ability to meet them. Let all our ministers and elders and members consecrate themselves anew to Christ and His cause. As a result of this, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit will flow out upon the world, leading many souls to a saving knowledge of their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May God continue to bless us. May we continue faithful in His work here on the earth. And "not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name, give glory for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake." Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR S. HASSLER,

S. C. LONG,

F. M. LINE,

H. F. TEXTER,

C. J. OTTO.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Report of the Board of Visitors.

Under Item 10 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of the Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary and is as follows:

To the Synod of Pittsburgh, Reformed Church in the U. S.:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully submits to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1899-1900,

1. The work of the Seminary for the year began Sept. 14, 1899, and was continued without interruption, all the professors having been in attendance.

2. Thirteen students were admitted to the Junior Class. Of these one was advised by the Board to discontinue his studies. The others were advanced, after having sustained their examinations, to the Middle Year. They are: R. L. Bair, J. M. Bean, P. J. Dundore, E. N. Evans, J. E. Guy, W. G. Haupt, F. P. Miller, J. O. Oswald, E. T. Rhodes, J. H. Smith, J. Von Holt, H. P. Walter. Total 12.

3. The Middle Class consisted of students who were admitted into the Junior Class in September, 1898, but with some changes.

One, by reason of long-continued illness was advised to resume his studies with the Junior Class; one discontinued his studies for the ministry; one failed to report either in person or by letter. A. F. Nace, a former student, and F. W. Kennedy were admitted. The latter accepted a professorship in Heidelberg University, and severed his connection with the class in April last. The members of this class, after having sustained their examinations were advanced to the Senior Class. Total 24.

4. The Senior Class consisted of the following members: J. W. Albertson, J. P. Dieffenderfer, V. W. Dippell, Ph.D., A. K. Faust, E. M. Hartman, R. M. Kern, I. S. Leiby, C. B. Rebert, J. E. Sheetz, S. R. Wagner, W. H. Warner, C. E. Zimmerman. Of the above V. W. Dippell and E. M. Hartman were admitted at the beginning of the Academical year, and A. K. Faust has been appointed by the Church a missionary to Japan. These gentlemen sustained approved examinations and were granted the usual testimonials. C. T. Isenberger, a member of the M. E. Church, was dismissed during the year on his own request to Drew Theological Seminary. Total 12.

5. In addition to their studies the students have engaged in practical religious work, in the Sunday-school, pulpit and various forms of missionary activity. No case of serious discipline occurred during the year.

6. Arrangements were made with the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to continue the course in elocution and oratory by the employment of Prof. Claude B. Davis, whose past instruction has been greatly appreciated by the students and commended by the faculty.

7. The Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., proposed to your reverend body one year ago, to pay over twelve hundred dollars of accrued interest on the Swander Fund, of which he is agent, said payment to be made so soon as the Pittsburgh Synod and the Seminary Faculty should have made arrangements for its

use. The Pittsburgh Synod proposed that the money should be used for a temporary lectureship and requested the faculty to appoint Rev. J. I. Swander as the first lecturer on this foundation. The faculty, lacking the power to establish a lectureship without the joint action of the three Synods, or to appoint a lecturer on the foundation of the proposed lectureship without the authority of the Board of Visitors, referred the recommendation of your reverend body to the Board of Visitors. At the same time the faculty invited Dr. Swander to deliver a course of two or three lectures before the faculty and students of the Theological Seminary on such subject and at such time as might be agreed upon by himself and the faculty.

The following action of the Board of Visitors relative to the foregoing recommendation is respectfully referred to the consideration of the three Synods.

I We recommend the establishment of such a temporary lectureship as is suggested by the Pittsburgh Synod; that the matter be referred to the three Synods for approval; and that Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., be chosen as the first lecturer.

II. In the event of approval by the Synods the faculty in conjunction with Dr. J. I. Swander shall arrange the lectures, determine the subjects, the lecturers and the compensation to be paid them.

8. The Board respectfully overtures the three Synods requesting that they provide the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the year 1900-1901 for a teacher of elocution to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod \$300, Pittsburgh Synod \$100, Synod of the Potomac \$200.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER,

Secretary.

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 3, 1900.

II.—Report of the Board of Trustees.

Owing to the fact that the Board of Trustees did not have their annual meeting till Oct. 9th, there was no report from the Board. The Synod, however, ordered the report to be printed in the Minutes. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was forwarded by the Treasurer before our October meeting, which was held a few days after the meeting of your reverend body. During the past year, the Board held one special and two regular meetings. The special meeting was held March 28th, 1900, to authorize the sale of the Simmons property which the Board was obliged to buy in 1896.

The first regular meeting was held on May 10th, 1900, when the following officers were elected: President, Geo. N.

Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth; and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

At this meeting the Treasurer was authorized to make a deduction of \$2,000 in the Endowment Fund to cover the loss arising from the sale of the Simmons property.

A communication (a copy of which is herewith enclosed) was received from Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander, agent of the "Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund," whereupon the Board adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board and of the church are due to Mr. and Mrs. Dr. J. I. Swander for this additional exhibition of their noble beneficence to the Theological Seminary, and that the Board accepts the same with heartfelt gratitude upon terms and stipulations substantially similar to that governing the \$12,000 bequest already conveyed.

The following minute was adopted relative to the death of Frank Geise, Esq., a brother member of the Board:

The Board deeply laments the death of their co-laborer, and place on record their high appreciation of his services in the position he held as member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. He was deeply interested in the work of the church and of the Seminary, and was always ready and willing to make any sacrifice in their behalf. His Christian character and gentlemanly bearing made themselves felt in the county in which he lived, in the church he loved, and in every sphere in which he was called to labor. The Board feels sensible of the loss they have sustained and shall miss his wise counsel in their deliberations, and express their sympathy by ordering this memorial to be spread upon their minutes.

The second regular meeting was held October 9th, 1900. After an examination of the investments of the Endowment Fund and a comparison of the income thereof with the annual expenses, the Board passed the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, owing to reduced rates of interest received from the securities held by the Board, and owing to the increased expenses, incurred annually since the erection of the Seminary building, the income from the Endowment Fund is not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the institution, therefore

Resolved, That the attention of the church be called to the fact that there will be an annual deficit until such time, when said Endowment Fund is increased by will or otherwise, and

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion two thousand (\$2,000) dollars towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod.....	\$900 00
Potomac Synod	600 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, October 9th, 1900.

TIFFIN, OHIO, April 6, 1900.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Lancaster, Pa.:

GENTLEMEN: It is with pleasure that I submit this my second annual report as agent for the management of "The Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund," at present in my possession as custodian.

You will see by reference to my first report dated April 30, 1899, that I had on hand and in bank \$1,105.50. Interest collected during the year as follows:

On Investment No. 1, Mrs. Amsden's note	\$240 00
On Investment No. 2, the Morcher note,	146 25
On Investment No. 3, the Orson Jopp note	195 00
On Investment No. 4, my personal note.....	30 00
Total	\$1,716 75

The above amount is subject to order as per terms of the deed of conveyance. There has been no occasion for re-investment of the principal. Your agent agreed with Mr. Jopp that he is to keep his \$3,000 until April 1st, 1903, at 5½ per cent. payable annually.

On the 12th day of last December I received \$5,000 from a certain friend of mine and invested the same in a loan on good real estate in the town of Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, for 5 years at 6 per cent. payable semi-annually (principal and interest) to "J. I. Swander, agent," for "The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary located at Lancaster, Pa." It is the intention of the donor that your agent shall formally convey the same to your honorable Board at an early date upon terms and stipulations substantially similar to those governing the \$12,000 bequest already conveyed.

I may further add that it seems highly probable that at an early date there will be invested \$3,000 additional to make the fund in all \$20,000, should Pittsburgh Synod, your honorable Board and all other interested parties and Boards agree to receive it, and agree as to the manner the fund may be put to work for the benefit of the Seminary and the advancement of Christological truth.

In the meantime I am as ever,

Respectfully,

J. I. SWANDER, *Agent.*

III.—Treasurer's Report.

LANCASTER, October 1st, 1900.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, to Board of Trustees:—

1900.				DR.
Oct.	1.	Amount of Seminary Endowment Fund is...	\$94,652 81	
		DR.		
		Current expense account from October 1, 1899, to October 1, 1900:—		
		For sundry interests and incomes received from October 1, 1899, to October 1, 1900....	\$7,368 59	
1899.		CR.		
Oct.	1.	By balance due Treasurer to date on Endow- ment Fund	\$4,345 48	
		By salary accounts and sundry bills paid from October 1, 1899, to October 1, 1900.....	8,746 61	
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			\$13,092 09	
		Amount Dr. brought down.....	7,368 59	
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1900.				
Oct.	1.	Balance due Endowment Fund to date.....	\$5,723 50	
		LIBRARY FUND.		
		Principal	\$1,819 96	
		DR.		
1900.				
Oct.	1.	For amount due fund.....	\$197 71	
		CR.		
Oct.	1.	By sundry bills paid.....	99 67	
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1900.				
Oct.	1.	Amount due fund.....	\$98 04	
		SMALTZ FUND.		
		Principal	\$5,000 00	
		DR.		
1900.				
Oct.	1.	For interest on same to date.....	\$250 00	
		CR.		
1900.				
Sept.	5.	By interest paid John Hartzler, Treasurer of Beneficiary Board...	\$250 00	
		SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.		
1900.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of fund is.....	\$2,000 75	
		DR.		
1900.				
May	8.	For amount due fund May 8, 1899..	\$13 47	
May	8.	For amount interest due fund May 8, 1900	94 20	
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			\$107 67	
		CR.		
1900.				
May	8.	By amount paid prize to V. W. Dippell as per award of Committee	\$100 00	
		Sundry expenses	2 00	
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			\$102 00	
May	8.	Balance due fund.....	\$5 67	

WM. A. WILT FUND.

Principal	\$833 33
Interest on same to October 1, 1900, \$41.66, is accounted for in Treasurer's current ex- pense account.	

SACRED RHETORIC PRIZE FUND.

1899. May	8.	The amount of fund is.....	\$470 47
1900. May	8.	Dr. For interest due fund	\$23 27
1900. May	8.	Cr. By amount paid prize to S. Cramer per award of Com- mittee	\$20 00
		Per sundry charges.....	50 20 50
		Balance added to principal.....	2 77
		Amount of fund.....	\$473 24

THE JOHN L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

1900. May	8.	The amount of fund is.....	\$15,680 00
Oct.	1.	All interest received on this fund to October 1, 1900, is charged in Treasurer's current ex- pense account to that date.	

JACOB FORNEY ALCOVE FUND.

1900. Oct.	1.	The amount of fund is.....	\$1,000 00
1900. Oct.	1.	Dr. For interest due fund to date.....	\$190 22
		Cr. By sundry bills paid to date.....	84 28
Oct.	1.	Balance due fund.....	\$105 94

HENRY WIRT SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

		The amount of fund is.....	\$1,000 00
1900. Oct.	1.	Dr. For amount due fund to date.....	\$142 60
1899. Dec.	11.	Cr. By amount paid Rev. J. C. Bowman.	41 54
1900. Oct.	1.	Balance due fund.....	\$101 06

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SHRIVER ALCOVE FUND.

1900. Oct.	1.	The amount of fund is.....	\$1,000 00
1900. Oct.	1.	Dr. For amount interest due fund to date.	\$71 67
1899. Dec.	9.	Cr. For check received of Louis E. Shriver	20 00
		Amount due fund.....	\$91 67

SEMINARY CLASS 1894 ALCOVE FUND.

For amount of notes in hand of Treasurer, dating July 1, 1894.....		\$981 00
1900.	Cr.	
Oct. 1.	By amount of notes paid to date.....	428 00
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		\$553 00

Amount of unpaid notes in hands of Treasurer
\$553 and interest on fund to Oct. 1, 1900,
is \$25.14.

LECTURE FUND STATEMENT.

1900.	No endowment.	
Oct. 1.	Bal. in hands of Treasurer is.....	\$38 56

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1899.		
Oct. 9.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	\$272 23
Oct. 21.	For amount received of Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer.....	40 00
1900.		
Apr. 30.	For amount received of Pittsburgh Synod, D. H. Leader, Treasurer.....	200 00
May 12.	For amount received of Philadelphia Classis, Rev. J. B. Henry, Treasurer.....	49 40
May 17.	For amount received of E. Susquehanna Classis, Geo. Hill, Treasurer.....	37 22
May 25.	For amount received of Tohickon Classis, I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....	84 66
June 9	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	100 94
June 12.	For amount received of Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer.....	419 18
Aug. 1.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	415 18
Sept. 12.	For amount received of Pittsburgh Synod, D. H. Leader, Treasurer.....	200 00
Sept. 17.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	167 00
Sept. 29.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	71 50
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		\$2,057 31

1900.	Cr.	
Sept. 14.	By amount transferred to Cr. Seminary ground account	\$300 00
Sept. 14.	By amount interest paid Endowment Fund	388 73
Sept. 29.	By amount balance transferred to current expense account.....	1368 58
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\$2,057 31

PITTSBURG PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

1899.		
Oct. 1.	Amount of fund reported.....	\$29,874 64
Nov. 2.	Amount received of Rev. D. A. Soudens.....	105 00

1900.			
May 22.	Amount received of the Sarah Musick Bequest.	500 00	
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			\$30,479 64

1900.		DR.	
Oct. 1.	For Sundry interests received on fund to October 1, 1900.	\$2010 99	
1900.		CR.	
Oct. 1.	By sundry payments made Wm Rupp, D. D., as per vouchers to October 1, 1900	\$2010 99	

ENDOWMENT FUND STATEMENT.

1899.			
Oct. 1.	For amount reported to Board.	\$95,958 87	
1900.			
Sept. 21.	For amount received of J W B. Bausman, Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, from the Wilhelm estate, to June, 1900.	693 94	
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			\$96,652 81
	Less for loss in sale of the Simmons property..	2,000 00	
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			\$94,652 81

STATEMENT OF FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

1900.			
Oct. 1.	Endowment Fund.	\$94,652 81	
	Library Fund.	1,819 96	
	Smaltz Fund.	5,000 00	
	W. A. Wilt Fund.	833 33	
	Schaff Prize Fund	2,000 75	
	Sacred Rhetoric Fund.	473 24	
	John L. Reigel Fund.	15,680 00	
	Jacob Forney Fund.	1,000 00	
	Henry Wirt Fund.	1,000 00	
	Louis E. Schriver Fund	1,000 00	
	Seminary Class, '94, Fund.	981 00	
	Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.	30,479 64	
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			\$154,920 73

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH.

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1900.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the accounts as presented correct.

JOHN W. APPEL,
JOHN D. SKILES,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Oct. 4, 1900.

IV.—Report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary reported on Monday. The report was considered by items. The items severally and the report as a whole was adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Standing Committee on Theological Seminary beg leave to report as follows:

There have been referred to your Committee the following papers: 1. The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary. 2. The action of the Synod at DuBois in reference to the Swander lectureship. 3. A synopsis of the report of the Treasurer of the Seminary.

From the report of the Board of Visitors we learn that the Seminary has had a prosperous year without any serious case of discipline rising during that time. Twelve students completed their studies and stood approved examinations.

In reference to the Swander Lectureship the Board of Visitors refers to this Synod for its consideration the following action: 1. The establishment of a temporary lectureship as is suggested by the Pittsburgh Synod; a recommendation that the matter be referred to the three Synods for approval; and that the Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., be chosen as the first lecturer. 2. In the event of approval by the Synods the Faculty in conjunction with Dr. J. I. Swander shall arrange the lectures, determining the subjects, the lecturers, and the compensation to be paid them.

The Synod will notice that in the mind of the Board of Visitors the lectureship is only temporary in its character, while the action of Synod a year ago, which was referred to your Committee, is based upon the understanding that the lectureship was intended to be a permanent institution.

We recommend the following for approval:

Resolved, That in the sense of this Synod the proposed lectureship should be a permanent one, in order to carry out the intent of the donor.

Resolved, That this Synod approves the appointment of Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., to deliver the first course of lectures in the Swander lectureship, and recommends that the subject and number of the lectures, the compensation and the time during which they are to be delivered, be determined by the Faculty and Dr. Swander.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to communicate this action to the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

The Board of Visitors also overtures Pittsburgh Synod for the sum of \$100 towards the salary of a teacher of elocution. We recommend that the sum of \$100 be apportioned for the support of a teacher of elocution.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary will not have their annual meeting until the 9th inst. Consequently no report from the Trustees came into the hands of your committee, further than a synopsis of the Treasurer's report. We therefore recommend that this synopsis of the Treasurer's report be

spread upon our minutes, together with the report of the Trustees when it shall have been received. We also recommend that \$300 be apportioned among the different Classes for the current and extraordinary expenses of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. LAND, D. H. LEADER,
JOHN SHRUM, F. L. KERR,

V.—Report of the Manager of the Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship Fund.

Elder W. R. Barnhart reported on Saturday. The report was adopted and the manager continued. The following is the report:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your agent to whom was committed the investment of Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship Fund respectfully reports as follows:

Amount on hand October 1, 1899.. . . .	\$29,874 64
Received during year:—	
From D. A. Souders.....	\$105 00
From Sarah Musick Bequest.....	500 00
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	605 00
Total Fund	<hr/> \$30,479 64

This amount has been invested according to instructions of Synod. The interest thereon accruing since Sept. 14, 1899, to Oct. 1st, 1900, amounting to \$2,010.99, has been paid by Treasurer John B. Roth to Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D.

W. R. BARNHART.

EVANS CITY, PA., Oct. 6, 1900.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I.—Report of Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Missions.

The Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Home Missions reported Thursday. The report was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board held two meetings, and the Executive Committee of the Board held four meetings during the year. The reorganization was effected during the meeting of Synod at Dubois, by re-electing the officers of the Board. Instruction was given the Executive Committee of the Board to attend the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee of the General Synod Board of Missions, and this instruction was faithfully carried out.

No reports have been received from the missions but we learn that they are all prospering. There are only two vacan-

cies at present, Pitcairn and Apollo. One new mission has been established, viz: the Hungarian Reformed church at Johnstown, which was organized by a committee of Westmoreland Classis, on Sunday, Sept. 23, with 125 members. Rev. Csanfordi has been appointed missionary and reports the prospects very good. A church building is to be erected in the near future.

The Missionary Alliance of the Reformed churches in Pittsburgh and vicinity has taken steps to organize a congregation in Allegheny.

Our interests at Ford City are being cared for by the pastor of the Kittanning charge. The outlook is good, but the time has not yet come to organize a congregation there.

There is a vacancy on the Board, occasioned by the removal from our bounds of Rev. Geo. Limbert; and the term of Rev. A. E. Truxal expires with this meeting of Synod.

Your Board incurred expenses in attending the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board of General Synod amounting to \$12.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. SOUDERS, A. E. TRUXAL,
R. C. BOWLING, J. M. CONROY.

II.—Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Under Item 1 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures the report of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions was read. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: In compliance with the instructions of the General Board of Home Missions, I herewith forward for your use copies of our report with statistical table ending March 31st, 1900.

There is nothing new since that date, that would materially change the report.

During the past year the meetings of the Board and Executive Committee have been held at the appointed times; the members have been prompt and regular in attendance; the meetings have been characterized by a spirit of harmony and unanimity; the wisest counsel has been sought and the best judgment exercised in the disposal of the interests committed to our care. The Board had sought to execute its trust according to the knowledge at its command, diligently, faithfully and justly for the best interests of the church and the glory of God.

The year has been characterized by a good measure of success. Our missionaries have been loyal and faithful. None have been called from their labors by death.

All appropriations due them have been paid as they fell

due, but to do this we have been compelled to borrow large sums of money. This would not be necessary, if the amounts assumed had been promptly paid and to continue to pay so much for interest, will prove ruinous to the cause of missions.

Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, Financial Secretary of the Board, resigned the position with the end of his year, Aug. 31. The Board hopes soon to secure a suitable successor.

The series of the 20th Century Tracts, 13 in number, with an issue of 50,000 copies of each has been printed, and is now being sent out for distribution, in accordance with a plan agreed upon. If these tracts are properly distributed and our people are encouraged to read them, we may hope for good results.

The cost (\$600) has not been taken out of the general treasury, but has been paid by five generous elders of our Church.

In conclusion let me emphasize a few things in the accompanying report deserving special attention.

1. To make suitable provision for the observance of the Day of Prayer during the week of prayer in 1901.

2. To take such action as will give all our people who have not already done so, an opportunity to make a contribution to the *Memorial Reformed Church of Washington, D. C.*, during the current year.

3. To carefully and prayerfully consider the finances of the Board and to take such action as may seem best to awaken pastors and people to our present opportunities and the duty that devolves upon us. If we can secure the full amounts assumed by the several Synods we can pay our debt and do aggressive work. Surely, it would be neither difficult nor burdensome to do this.

We have a distinctly marked and promising field for missionary effort and we dare not be recreant to so sacred a trust. We therefore hopefully and expectantly commend the cause to you and pray God's blessing upon you in your present sessions.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

Pres. Gen'l Board of Home Missions.

September 27, 1900.

III.—The Annual Report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Under Item 1 of the report of the Standing Committee of Overtures the annual report of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The following is the report:—

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:—

DEAR BRETHREN: General Synod's Board of Home Missions hereby presents a brief statement for your careful consideration. This Board is an important factor in the life of the Church and promotes her unity.

OUR MISSIONS.—Some of our Missions have changed pastors since our last report, and the result has been an improved condition of the missions. There are a few vacancies, but they are soon to be filled. We have on the roll 98 Missions. They are in good condition. The appended statistical table will show the work, and to this we call your special attention.

SELF-SUPPORT.—It is our policy to secure self-support as soon as that can be done without injury to the Mission. Not all fields, however, can bear the same treatment. Patience and calm judgment are necessary in dealing with them. The spiritual life must not be dwarfed in the struggle to exist.

DAY OF PRAYER.—Wednesday of the week of prayer, 1901, is set apart as a day of prayer for God's blessing upon our Home Missionary work. We hope for its general observance.

TWENTIETH CENTURY LITERATURE.—A series of thirteen tracts of our Home Missionary work are in process of publication, to be furnished to the Church for gratuitous distribution, beginning with September next. The cost of this literature is not taken from the general treasury, but has been kindly provided by several elders of the Church. We regret that "Reformed Church Tidings" ceased to be published with January, 1900.

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.—Our list of Church-building Funds is steadily growing. Since last report the John H. and Anna M. Girvin Fund, by will of Elder James M. Girvin, of Baltimore, Md., amount \$500; the Martha M. Simmons Fund, \$500, from her sisters, of Frederick, Md., and the A. J. Brumbach Fund, from A. J. Brumbach, of Reading, Pa., amount, \$500, have been created. A second Catechumen Fund and several individual and classical Funds have been begun. This help is invaluable. Encourage the creating of such funds.

NEW MISSIONS.—The following new Missions have been enrolled: Des Moines, Ia., Toledo, O., Baltimore, Md., and Punxsutawney, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Packerton and Pitcairn, Pa. Other promising points are pressing for enrollment. Our opportunities were never greater or more inviting. We indulge a justifiable pride in wishing to see our Church take advantage of these opportunities. If we fail to do this now, others will reap the fruit of our neglect.

DEBT.—Though we assumed additional work, we have received no increase of funds. During the quarter ending last December an unusually small amount reached our Treasury, and to pay what was then due we had to borrow \$14,000; and at the April meeting we had to borrow \$10,000 for the last quarter. It ought not to have been necessary to incur this

debt, and we must not be expected to carry it.

THE INCIDENTAL EXPENSES of the Board for the year past; that is, the cost of travel and entertainment of the Board for five meetings, the salary of the Secretary, the Treasurer, and a legal advisor, part of the traveling expenses of the Superintendents, also postage, expressage and printing (which includes letter heads, circular letters and envelopes for the Easter offerings)—these expenses for the year amount to \$2,636.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS.—Since our last report nine Mission Churches have been completed and are now occupied. Others are in process of erection. Building lots have been bought at Des Moines, Ia., and Vandergrift, Pa., for which we have borrowed the money.

A MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH is to be built at Washington, D. C., to cost not less than \$30,000. The project has been approved by the Synods and commended to pastors and people. All money for this purpose is to be sent to Rev. C. S. Slagle, Westminster, Md., Treasurer of the Maryland Classis, who will receipt for the same and hold it subject to the order of the trustees of that Classis. Give all our people an opportunity to contribute to this cause.

FINANCES.—Careful estimates have been made as to the needs of our work. The amounts have been assumed by the Synods which your delegates helped to constitute. It is, therefore, your act. These amounts have been distributed among the Classes, and are now to be further distributed by you among the several pastoral charges. All these Classes should assume their full amounts and arrange to pay them into our Treasury as early as possible, that we may do aggressive work. Give the people facts and encourage them. They have never failed us. How can we better show our appreciation of God's special favors than by increased efforts and enlarged contributions to extend His kingdom?

WHAT OF THE FUTURE? We cannot sacrifice any of the work now in hand. Shall we enroll promising new fields that are knocking at our doors? We are willing that the people shall answer this question, if you will fairly present the matter and encourage them. Let us try to awaken individual responsibility. Service is harder than sentiment, but it pays better dividends. Dare we longer contribute the smallest amount for the greatest work? Is not "the penny collection" for Missions oftener an insult than an offering to the Lord?

Oh! that we could in some way reach the heart of the Church before these golden opportunities are past! How does the Master regard those who are indifferent to His cause? He may tell us sooner, perhaps, than we now expect.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Communicant Members.	Number of Congregations.	Amount raised by the Mission for Congregational Use.	Amount raised by the Mission for Benevolence.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1900.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1900.
Ohio Synod.							
Ada, O.	John W. Geler	135	2	400	40		
Akron, O.	James S. Freeman	188	1	1552	242	450	400
Alliance, O.	Harvey E. Kilmer	47	1	325	20	150	300
Athens, Mich.	Freeman Ware	42	2	405	61	400	175
Barberton, O.	Charles E. Ewing	74	1	775	270	335	275
Bethel, O.	Francis M. Shultz	150	4	800	150		
Canton, O.	Frederick Strassner, D. D.	65	1	1787	240	425	400
Cleveland, O.	Alexander Sutros	225	4	1308		300	275
Cleveland, O.	Anton Korbel	54	1	102	49	50	800
Columbus, O.	Solomon W. Seeman	246	1	2575	100	275	150
Columbus, O.	Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.	70	1	1419	42	75	900
Colon, Mich.	Henry S. Nicholson	106	3	232	113	325	175
Detroit, Mich.	Charles W. Brugh	45	1	485	21	190	575
Hamilton, O.	Vacant	137	1	700	75	800	
Lima, O.	Abram D. Wolfinger	50	1	425	53	125	575
Mamillon, O.	Oliver P. Foust	121	1	634	100	300	400
Millersburg, Ind.	Vacant	30	1	50	40	450	100
Springfield, O.	Reuben F. Shultz	90	1	1779	78	300	700
Toledo, O.	Edward D. Wettach, D. D.		1				1000
Warren, O.	John J. M. Gruber	112	1	525	350	200	450
Youngstown, O.	John M. Kendig, D. D.	94	2	918	107	275	775
Pittsburg Synod.							
Apollo, Pa.	John N. Nely	148	1	1040	115	450	225
Bradock, Pa.	Alpha K. Klein	101	1	790	135	275	425
Buffalo, N. Y.	John M. G. Darma	100	1	1225	71	200	175
Buffalo, N. Y.	Wm. J. Jenksaemper	45	1	34		300	200
Connellsville, Pa.	Andrew J. Heller, D. D.	31	1	3000	5		800
Cumberland, Md.	Urban C. E. Outalun	108	3	975	26	250	500
Duquesne, Pa.	John K. Adams	26	2	51	7		700
Grove City, Pa.	Vacant	147	3	674	170	450	150
Johnstown, Pa.	J. Harvey Mickle	225	1	2145	326	650	350
New Kensington, Pa.	Daniel H. Leader	111	1	975	87	650	475
Pittsburg, Pa.	Paul Konyha	800	6	1575	125		425
Punxsutawney, Pa.	Lawie Reiter	42	1	233	22	300	200
Pitcairn, Pa.	C. H. Dieffenbacher, D. D.	25	1	923	18	100	800
Scottdale, Pa.	Edwin D. Melzell	192	2	1040	250	625	125
Sharpsville, Pa.	Vacant	192	2	480	107	425	150
Turtle Creek, Pa.	Tilghman R. Deits	122	1	983	158	575	275
Vandergift, Pa.	D. Snyder Stephan	36	1	94		150	525
Exterior Synod.							
Abilene, Kans.	Charles D. Shaffer	54	1	632	97	400	200
Altamont, Ill.	L. C. Summer	87	2	347	150	200	175
Anna, Ill.	Raymond R. Lackay	74	2	290	141	250	150
Boulder, Ia.	Peter Bock	48	2	235	54	275	100
Brandon, Ia.	Calvin Foster	20	1	260	47	125	250
Chaney, Kans.	James R. Lewis	76	1	1160	95	425	100
Chicago, Ill.	Benjamin B. Royer	49	1	488	115	300	1200
Chicago, Ill.	Alexander Harnanyi	190	1	220	8	240	475
Chicago, Ill.	Charles V. Molnar	50	1	154		375	300
Denver, Colo.	Henry Tesnow	73	1	5041	47		350
Des Moines, Ia.	E. E. Emhoff		1				1000
Edinburg, Ill.	George S. Gull	95	2	475	100	400	100
Emporia, Kans.	Lawrence S. Faust	30	1	240	48	100	475
Hiawatha, Kans.	Luther L. Hassenpflug	30	1	750	58	275	275

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Interior Synod.—Con.									
Holton, Kans.	Wm H Sellheim	47	2					100	454
Iola, Kans.	Dennis B. Shuey	78	2	325	125	240	375		
Kansas City, Mo.	Vacant	70	1	580	124	300	700		
Leighton, Ia.	George C Baumgartel	81	2	760	90	350	125		
Lincoln, Neb.	Franklin H Fisher	70	1	578	80	250	600		
Lone Tree, Ia.	John W Love, D. D	84	1	432	79	425	375		
Lyons, Kans.	Amos Casselman	62	2	315	89	150	225		
Maquoketa, Ia.	D Franklin Boomerzhine	86	2	1331	150	375	180		
Stout City, Ia.	Thomas F Stauffer	22	1	182	51	100	975		
Shelby, Ill.	John F Bair	93	1	1462	93	275	150		
St. Joseph, Mo.	Amos O Reiter	67	1	732	83	450	580		
Tipton, Ia.	J Abner Hunsicker	61	1	409	87	400	75		
Urbana, Ia.	Vacant	32	1	340	90	350	250		
White Waters, Kans.	William C Baum	28	1	262	72	300	350		
Wichita, Kans.	Bruce Griffith	113	1	1041	154	425	375		
Wilton Junction, Ia.	Solomon Ream	62	2	288	68	270	200		
St. Louis, Mo.	John C Horning	14	1	174	6		1000		
Potomac Synod.									
Altoona, Pa.	Paul S Leinbach	97	1	610	103	350	475		
Baltimore, Md.	Adam S Weber	229	1	1700	184	600	440		
Baltimore, Md.	William I Stewart	302	1	1500	185	730	370		
Baltimore, Md.	Frederick W. Bald	144	1	970	64	150	650		
Baltimore, Md.	Charles W Loban	97	1	713	87	175	625		
Baltimore, Md.†	James M Mullan						1000		
Burlington, N. C.	James D. Andrew	107	2	225	62	150	350		
Duncannon, Pa.†	J David Miller	224	2	502	767	525			
Harrisonburg, Va.	Vacant		2				250		
Roanoke, Va.	Ellis S Hay	38	1	226	37	100	200		
Salisbury, N. C.	Gerny Weber	19	1	115	6		750		
Thomasville, N. C.	Jacob N Faust	150	2	203	30	105	375		
Washington, D. C.	John M Schick, D.D.	141	1	720	6	300	600		
Eastern Synod.									
Bridgeport, Conn.	Alexander Kalassay	200	1	1922	27	200	400		
Harrisburg, Pa.	Milton H Sangree	104	1	794	797	400	500		
Harrisburg, Pa.	J Rauch Stein	53	1	289	9	250	650		
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Vacant						200		
New York, N. Y.	Zoltan Kuthy	154	2	1947	7	300	500		
Norristown, Pa.	Benoni Bates	128	1	1893	191	270	250		
Packerton, Pa.	Wilson S. Hartzell	80	1	97	2	300	300		
Philadelphia, Pa.*	Vacant	39	1	157	7	400			
Philadelphia, Pa.	Aaron Noll	100	1	2161	142	450	674		
Philadelphia, Pa.	Charles B Alsapach	242	1	2099	273	650	450		
Philadelphia, Pa.	Vacant	117	1	1706	90	500	500		
Philadelphia, Pa.	Elwood W Middleton	127	1	2187	117	325	575		
Philadelphia, Pa.	Harry E Jones	55	1	909	1	400	600		
Reading, Pa.	John F Stein, D. D	270	1	1357	27	750	120		
Royersford, Pa.	Edwin W Lentz	131	1	680	160	550	50		
Seranton, Pa.	Marion L. Firor	92	1	650	62	250	300		
South Norwalk, Conn.	Gabriel Dekun	102	1	340		130	400		
Steelton, Pa.	Albert P Driesbach, Ph D.	135	1	720	104	450	350		
Tower City, Pa.	Lewis D Steckel	180	2	1060	27	225	120		
Trenton, N. J.	Stephen Virag	100	1	879		200	400		
*Referred to Classis									
†Enrolled but not organized.									
‡Self supporting									

*Referred to Glanville

†Enrolled but not organized.

‡Self supporting.

NOTE.—The following additional salaries are paid: Superintendent D. S. Fouse, D.D., \$1300; Superintendent A. C. Whitmer, \$1300; Superintendent A. S. Dechant, \$1200; Harbor Missionary, Paul Sommerlatte, \$1000; Sunday-school Missionary (office vacant), \$1000 (half paid by the Sunday-school Board); Financial Secretary, C. E. Creitz, \$1200; and Hungarian Traveling Missionary, Francis Csankfordi, \$600.

IV.—Report of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

Under Item 2 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and is as follows:—

To the Pittsburgh Synod:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—During the last year the steady progress of our Missionary work in Japan has been more or less interrupted by complications arising from the retirement, absence and failure of the health of several of our Missionaries. The retirement of Mrs. Gill (nee Hollowell), the complete break-down of Miss Rohrbaugh's health, necessitating her return to this country, and the but partial convalescence of Miss Zurfluh from a severe attack of typhoid fever, for a time seriously threatening the efficiency of the Girls School. The withdrawal of Rev. W. E. Hoy to go to China, the continued disability of Rev. Dr. Moore, who had come to America for recuperation, the recurrence of Rev. H. K. Miller's furlough, and the engagement of Rev. Snyder in the service of the Bible Societies, very seriously interrupted the onward flow of our work. But in the good Providence of God, with all these unfavorable incidents, our work suffered no material injury. The annual reports, recently to hand, present as favorable an exhibit as we have had for the preceding year or two. Of course, our Missionaries at work were oppressed with unusual burdens.

The Girls School suffered little or no damage. The number of scholars was full, and with the temporary aid of other members of the Mission, accomplished a very successful year. Its enrollment during the year was sixty-three scholars; eleven were graduated, six were baptized during the year, one died, the second since the establishment of the school, and of the whole number thirty-six were Christians. The majority of the non-Christians were new scholars.

The whole number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin for the year was 168, average attendance 121. These are largely in the lower classes. In consequence of the disabilities imposed by the Educational Department of the Government upon the students of Mission Schools, in the way of liability to military duty, and unfavorable discrimination in appointments under the Government, as the students advance, many withdraw and enter the Government schools. This very unfavorably effects the number entering the Theological Department, and cuts the number of native evangelists short. There is a deficiency at the present time. The outlook, however, is that the Government will abate its restrictions and again open the way for a

more successful prosecution of our school work. Five students were baptized during the year, and most of the non-Christians are more or less earnest inquirers.

Notwithstanding the hindrances encountered, the evangelistic work has been encouragingly prosperous. With a shortage in native workers, and increased labor devolving upon the Missionaries, the gathering in of souls slightly exceeded that of the year preceding. The number of baptisms was 219, and the number of Church members has nearly regained the figures reduced a few years ago by the great shrinkage, so that the number now reported closely approximates 2,000.

During the year, in accordance with the instructions of General Synod, and to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mrs. Gill, five new Missionaries were sent out, Revs. W. E. Lampe, A. K. Faust, both married, and Misses Sadie Lea Weidner and Lucy M. Powell, to Japan, and Rev. Frederick Cromer, to the China field.

The Board took steps to plant the new Mission in China as directed by General Synod. Rev. W. E. Hoy proceeded to China in advance of Rev. F. Cromer, whom later he met at Shanghai. Together they proceeded to Hankow, some 600 miles up the Yangtze River, and betook themselves to the study of the language. Together they made an excursion into the neighboring province of Hunan, where it is proposed to plant the new Mission, and selected the city of Yo-chou as the location, which is about 150 miles up the river from Hankow. In the early summer they returned to Japan, provided with facilities for continuing the study of the Chinese language, with the expectation of returning to China in September. Should, however, the present excited conditions in China continue to render it unsafe for them to do so, they expect to go to Nagasaka, at the southern extremity of Japan, and quite near China, and there await the time when it will be safe for them to proceed to their chosen field.

The Board would beg to add, in conclusion, that it will readily occur to your Reverend Body that the advance steps taken in our foreign work, in obedience to the instructions of General Synod, will require a material increase in its receipts. For this, that body, at its last meeting, made provision by increasing the amount of its apportionment. We would, therefore, most respectfully request your Reverend Body to note this fact, and to take such action as will secure to the Board the amount of contributions which will be necessary to enable it to accomplish the sacred work committed to its hands; at least, the full sum of the apportionment.

In behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

S. N. CALLENDER,
Secretary.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Aug. 27, 1900.

V.—Report of Synod's Twentieth Century Movement Committee.

Under Item II of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod the report was read, adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The Committee was continued and the report is as follows:—

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on the Twentieth Century Movement would respectfully report that we presented the importance of the movement to all the classes and the appointment of Committees, excepting St. Paul's Classis, which was presented by a member of that Classis. Somerset, Allegheny and St. Paul's Classes have complied with the request of Synod and plans of General Synod's Committee. Clarion Classes appointed a Committee, but has not yet districted her territory, and Westmoreland Classis did not appoint any Committee or district its territory.

In order that the plan of General Synod be complied with promptly and vigorously, we recommend,

1. That Westmoreland appoint a Committee and district its territory, and we would remind all classical Committees to have each consistory appoint a Committee of three in each congregation.

2. That we urge that all the interests of the Church be presented at the conventions, and through the Committees, in such a way as may seem most advisable, and that every member consecrate himself devoutly to some specific form of Christian service and use every means within his power to win souls for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. KLINE,

U. C. E. GUTELIUS, LEWIS REITER.

VI.—Report of Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported Monday. The report was considered by items and is as follows:—

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Missions respectfully reports that your papers were referred to it for consideration.

1. The annual report of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

2. The annual report of the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod.

3. The annual report of the General Synod's Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

4. The Pittsburgh Synod's Committee on the Twentieth Century Movement

From the first and second reports our Synod's attention is directed to the splendid Missionary territory in Western Pennsylvania, and to the Missionary territory in other growing sections of the United States, with their 101 Missions and 147 Missionary congregations.

Both the Pittsburgh Synod's Board and the General Synod's Board of Home Missions characterize last year as one of measurable success in Home Missionary work. The Missionaries are all reported as loyal and faithful, and the gratifying statement was made that all appropriations due the Missionaries were promptly paid, even though this required the Board to borrow large sums of money.

From the report of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions it is learned that a series of Twentieth Century Tracts, thirteen in number, with an issue of 60,000 each, has been printed, and is now being distributed. And the General Board asks for the co-operation of the Pittsburgh Synod in laying the Home Missionary facts contained in these tracts before the careful attention of the members of our congregations.

And our Synod is asked to take such action as will give all our people, who have not already done so, the opportunity to make a contribution to the Memorial Reformed Church at Washington, D. C., during the current year. The Synod is also requested, carefully and prayerfully, to consider the finances of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions and to take such action as may seem best to awaken pastors and people to our present opportunities and the duty that devolves upon us.

The General Board asks also that Wednesday, the Week of Prayer of 1901, be observed by our congregations as a "Day of Prayer" for God's Blessing upon our Home Missionary work.

From the report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions we learn the gratifying fact that the Missionary work of the Reformed Church in Japan has made steady and substantial progress.

Although Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. H. K. Miller are in this country, the one because of ill health, and the other on his regular furlough, and though the Misses Zurfluh and Rohrbach have been seriously ill during the year, the ingathering

of souls into the Church of Christ through our Mission in Japan exceeded that of the year preceding. The number of Church baptisms was 210, and the communicant Church membership now closely approximates 2,000. Five new Missionaries were sent out during the year, Revs. W. E. Lampe and A. K. Faust, both married, and the Misses Sadie L. Weidner and Lucy M. Powell, to Japan, and Rev. Frederick Cromer, to China. And the Missionary force of workers consists now of fifteen Missionaries from America, eight ordained Japanese pastors and twenty-five ordained Japanese evangelists, and six Japanese Bible women.

During the year the new Mission was planted, as directed by General Synod, in China, by the transfer of the Rev. W. E. Hoy from Japan and Rev. Frederick Cromer being sent from the United States. After a few months' residence in China these brethren returned to Japan, and there they will remain, studying the Chinese language until the present bitter opposition of the Chinese toward all foreigners in China shall have subsided. And that the growing work in Japan may not be retarded and that the new work in China may be properly prosecuted, when in the Providence of God it shall again be taken up, the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions respectfully asks the Synod to assume at least the amount apportioned it for Foreign Missions by General Synod.

From the report of the Synod's Committee on the Twentieth Century Movement it is learned that, in obedience to the instruction of General Synod, all the Classes of the Pittsburgh Synod, save one, have appointed Committees on the Twentieth Century Movement, and districted their territory. And the Pittsburgh Synod's Committee urge that the Twentieth Century District Conventions be arranged for, at which all the interests of the Church shall be presented and the members of our congregations be enjoined to reconsecrate themselves and take up some practical form of Christian service, and, as much as in them lies, to endeavor to win souls for Jesus Christ.

In view of the facts set forth in the four reports submitted to it, your Committee recommend the following:—

WHEREAS, the Missionary operations of the Reformed Church in the United States were never more promising and the calls to larger work were never more urgent, and

WHEREAS, the whole Church of Christ, upon the approach of the Twentieth Century, seems to be rising to a higher sense of its blessed privilege and responsibility to evangelize the whole world; therefore,

Resolved (1), That Synod's sympathy and love is hereby pledged anew to the cause of Missions, which is the glorious cause of our Lord. And there is hereby also pledged Synod's

earnest endeavor to awaken a deeper Missionary interest in the hearts of all its people to the end that there may be brought into the Lord's Store House such liberal offerings that the most aggressive and efficient work possible may be done and that the Missionary Boards be not under the necessity, so frequently, of borrowing large sums of money.

Resolved (2), That Wednesday, January 9th, 1901, be observed as a "Day of Prayer" for God's blessing upon our Home Missionary work, and that the Corresponding Secretary be hereby instructed to so notify the pastors of Synod.

Resolved (3). That on or before Thanksgiving Day, 1900, or as near that time as convenient, the congregations, that have not already done so, be given an opportunity to make a contribution to the Memorial Reformed Church at Washington, D. C., and that the Corresponding Secretary be hereby instructed to notify pastors of said action.

Resolved (4), That Classes be requested to utilize the Twentieth Century Movement to the intent that the members of our congregations may reconsecrate themselves to the glory of God and in the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Resolved (5), That we hail with joy the advancement of the Kingdom of God among heathen peoples, and declare our faith in the ultimate, complete triumph of our Lord, and to hasten the time when all our Heavenly Father's children may learn of Him and serve Him, we pledge again our prayers, our love and means for the spread of the Gospel of Christ throughout the world. And we hereby cordially accept the sum of \$2,975, the apportionment of General Synod for the specific work in Japan and China. And Synod hereby as cheerfully accepts the General Synod's apportionment for Home Missions—\$4,550—for mission work among the Hungarians, \$600; for mission work in the Harbor of New York, \$85, and for Church Extension work the apportionment of six cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRUGH,
J. F. SNYDER, PAUL S. LEINBACH,
W. J. MOYER, W. W. CLINE.

The following action was taken:—

Item 1, 4 and 5 were adopted severally.

Item 2. The item was adopted and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to notify all pastors.

Item 3 was amended and adopted and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to notify all pastors.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XV.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.**I.—Report of the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions.**

The Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions reported on Friday. The report was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning and is as follows:—

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

Your Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions would report as follows:—

Synod has but one institution of learning of which your Board has any oversight, *i. e.*, Clarion Collegiate Institute, located at Rimersburg, Pa.

As Synod sustains only a moral or advisory relation to this School your Board has made no personal investigation into its affairs, but has learned from the authorities in charge that the institute is having a struggle to maintain its existence, but has been bravely battling against adversity, and, despite discouragement, has, up to the present, kept its doors open each year, and has had the service of competent teachers. So reduced, however, has the School become in its resources, both as to students and finances, that the principal has been obliged to take up work in the public schools of the town, while still looking after what is left of the institute work.

It seems most unfortunate that this, the only Reformed Church School of its kind within the bounds of our Synod, should not have a more encouraging career than it does. And your Board regrets that it does not have some plan to propose by which this institution of so many years and struggles might be put on a more encouraging footing.

There is no doubt that, by some concerted effort on the part of all the Synod, this could be done. The School is nicely located, with ample grounds and buildings, which could, without great cost, be put in good repair.

Your Board, however, being without authority to act in any measure looking to such end, can only express the hope that Synod may, in the near future, be able to, in some way, aid in bettering the condition of Clarion Collegiate Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SNYDER, H. D. DARBAKER.
W. R. BARNHART, D. H. LEADER,

II.—The Report of Franklin and Marshall College.

Under Item 3 of the report of the Standing Committee of Overtures was read the report of Franklin and Marshall College. The report, with the catalogue, was referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning. The following is the report:—

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

The President of Franklin and Marshall College begs leave to offer the following report:—

The following members of the graduating class at the late commencement received the degree of A. B.: William Vernon Betts, Blanchard Allen Black, Paul Samuel Bridenbaugh, Christian Eugene Charles, Frederick Andrew Cook, Calvin Martin DeLong, John Hassler Detrich, Frank Ulrich Fernsler, Charles Roy Fisher, William Garfield Fox, Cyrus Ward Fridy, Alfred Roswell Gilbert, Aaron Manns Gluck, Christian Hostetter Gochnauer, John Bassler Greybill, Daniel Gress, Charles Motter Guthrie, Charles Elvin Haupt, Jr., Benjamin Keener Hay, Eugene LeFevre Herr, Frank Newcomer Hoffmeier, Samuel Charles Hoover, Charles Owen Hunsicker, Abraham Behm Kauffman, Horace Clemens Kinzer, William Bisel Kohler, Charles Alpheus Lauffer, Donald Gauger Lerch, Henry Wilson Miller, Charles Lewis Noss, Harold Drummond Pyott, John Smith Rader, Marvin Warren Reed, Amos Bowman Schneder, Simon Sipple, Calvin Klopp Staudt, Worth Brown Stottlemeyer, Jackson Taylor. Mr. William A. Kepner, after two years of graduate study, received the degree of A. M. The following graduates received the degree of A. M. in course: D. T. Bauman, Esq., '82; Rev. Roderick P. Cobb, '82; Rev. Thos. Wilson Dickert, '94; Allen K. Faust, '97; Rev. Montgomery M. Fryer, '94; Rev. Hugh K. Fulton, '95; E. W. Kalbach, Esq., '95; Robert M. Kern, '97; Jos. J. Knappenberger, '97; John D. Meyer, '97; Rev. W. H. Millhouse, '96; Rev. Stewart U. Mitman, '85; John Morris Mowery, '95; Chas. P. Stahr, '97. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, of Lancaster, and Rev. Nathaniel Z. Snyder, of South Bethlehem.

The past year was one of more than ordinary trial and difficulty, although we are able to report that the college is in a prosperous condition and that no college interest has suffered serious loss. The number of students enrolled at the beginning of the present year is unusually large, making a decided increase in the whole number of students. Sixty-six new students were added to the college and about fifty to the Academy. Of these fifty are Freshmen and Specials, twelve Sophomores, two Juniors and two Seniors. There are in attendance at this time forty Seniors, thirty-four Juniors, forty-four Sophomores and fifty Freshmen and Specials.

The work of instruction was carried forward steadily in the different departments and the results were generally satisfactory. The good order of the college was at times disturbed, and in several cases there was danger of serious trouble, but the discipline of the institution was maintained, and it is grati-

fyng to report a satisfactory adjustment of all difficulties and a healthy *morale*, a spirit of loyalty, harmony and hopefulness throughout the college. It was necessary, during the year, to drop a number of students from the roll, sometimes for negligence and inattention, and, in other cases, because of misconduct. It is the policy of the Faculty, while exercising due caution and patience, to see to it that the standard of excellence in conduct and scholarship is maintained, and if, at any time, it is found that students are not receiving any benefit from their connection with the college and become a source of danger to others, the Faculty does not hesitate to take the action required in the premises. In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Trustees, the course of study has been revised and, to some extent, reconstructed, as will appear from the catalogue, which is herewith submitted. It is believed that the new arrangement will prove advantageous, and that more satisfactory results and better work will be secured. It is too soon, however, to speak confidently of the effects of the change.

Two changes were made in the Faculty at the beginning of the present year. Rev. Elmer E. Powell, Ph.D., of Cambridgeport, Mass., a graduate of Michigan State University, of the department of Theology, in Boston University, and of the University of Bonn, in Germany, was called to the chair of Modern Languages, and Dr. John H. Outland, late of the University of Pennsylvania, was made Physical Instructor and Director of Gymnasium. These gentlemen have made a very favorable impression and we look for highly satisfactory results from their labors in their respective departments.

The financial condition of the college is better than at the close of last year. There is still an apparent deficit of about \$750, but there have been extraordinary expenses in repairs made to the Library Building and at the Academy. On the other hand there have been credited to the income of the present year certain amounts which cannot be considered a part of the regular annual income. It is therefore, difficult to determine, with accuracy, the net results of the year's operations. It is safe to say, however, that the outlook is much more favorable than it was a year ago. As the rate of interest on our investments has diminished, and the expenses of the college are increasing, it is easy to see that a larger endowment of the college is of paramount importance. The college has recently been the recipient of three legacies. The Hon. Frank Geise, late Mayor of York, bequeathed his private library of miscellaneous books, worth about \$2,000, to the college, and he also made the college the residuary legatee of his estate after other bequests are paid. Mr. Martin L. Lerch, of Freemansburg, Pa., made a bequest to the college of \$3,000, to become available after the death of Mrs. Lerch. Miss Catharine H. Long,

recently deceased, made an unconditional bequest of \$2,000 to the endowment fund of the college.

It is a matter of general congratulation that the New Science Building, so ardently desired and so much needed, is really under way. The present contract is only for the erection of the structure and the completion of the exterior, so far as is necessary, for the protection of the building, but it is to be hoped that there will be no suspension of operations until the building is finished and ready for use. The pledges and subscriptions received up to the present time amount to about \$27,000, and the canvass is now in progress in three charges of the Eastern Synod. It is especially important that energetic efforts be made and prompt action taken in the three Synods, under whose control the college stands, so that the work may be carried forward to a speedy and successful completion.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,
President.

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning.

The Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning reported on Monday. The report was considered by items. The report is as follows:—

To Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The following papers were referred to your Committee on Institutions of Learning:—

1. The report of Prof. J. S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, together with a catalogue of our Institutions at Lancaster, Pa.
2. A report of Pittsburgh Synod's Board of Literary Institutions.
3. The report of the Permanent Endowment Committee.
4. The catalogue of Allentown College for Women.

With reference to the various matters represented in the above we recommend the following actions:—

1. *Resolved*, That Pittsburgh Synod rejoices in the prosperity and progress of Franklin and Marshall College, as indicated by the increased number of students, the enlarged corps of teachers, the new buildings erected from time to time and the contributions and legacies received from its friends and supporters.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod appreciates the many and various needs that are constantly arising to make the college strong and efficient in all the departments of its work and to maintain its position in the front rank of the educational institutions of

the land, and hereby pledges itself to the cordial support of the college to the full extent of its ability.

3. *Resolved*, That in order that the Scientific Building, so sorely needed, and now in course of erection, may be completed as speedily as possible, and that the action of Synod already taken in the adoption of the report of its Endowment Committee may be carried into effect, the Synod hereby appoints Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D., Superintendent of the canvass of its congregations, under the general direction of the Field Secretary, for the purpose of securing the balance of the funds for the erection of the said building, and requests its Endowment Committees, the pastors of several charges and the Field Secretary of Franklin and Marshall College to give him such co-operation and assistance as he may require with the view of bringing this work to an early and successful conclusion.

4. *Resolved*, That we note with pleasure the modification of the curriculum in accordance with the larger growth of the institution and the demands of the present educational conditions without the sacrifice, however, of the principle that a liberal education lies at the foundation of a proper understanding of every particular science and technical art.

5. *Resolved*, That Pittsburgh Synod sympathizes with Clarion Collegiate Institution in its trials and recommends it to the young ladies and gentlemen of this section of the Church as a school where a good preparatory training for college may be obtained at a comparatively small cost.

6. *Resolved*, That Allentown College for Women and the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., be and hereby are recommended to the fathers and mothers of our Church as institutions in which they may secure a suitable education for their daughters.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
LEWIS REITER, JACOB BRINKER,
J. M. EVANS, W. W. DEICKMAR.

The following action was taken:—

Items 1, 2, 4, 5 were severally adopted.

Items 3 and 6 were amended and adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

V.—Report of the Permanent Committee on Endowment of F. and M. College.

Under Item 3 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod on Friday the Permanent Committee on Endowment of F. and M. College reported. The report was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Institutions of Learning, and is as follows:—

To the Pittsburgh Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN.—Your Permanent Committee on the Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College beg leave to report to you as follows:—

A few educational conventions were held since the last meeting of Synod and a number of congregations were canvassed in the interest of the cause we represent. The Committee is restrained from going forward in the work as rapidly as it desires by the fact that so few congregations seem to be ready to have the work prosecuted in their midst.

Four congregations in Allegheny Classis were canvassed and \$237.15 were secured; four congregations in Westmoreland Classis were canvassed and \$273.75 secured, and one congregation in Clarion Classis was canvassed, resulting in \$35 for the college. The sum total secured during the year is \$545.90.

The sums contributed by the several Classes up to date are as follows:—

Allegheny Classis.	\$3,003 15
Westmoreland Classis.	660 25
Clarion Classis	35 00
Total.	<hr/> \$3,698 40

It is the opinion of your Committee that the cause of college endowment ought now be given the right of way in the Classes and congregations of Synod, and that the amount originally agreed upon be raised without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL, A. M. KEIFER,
D. H. SOUDERS, U. O. H. KERSCHNER.

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

I.—Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

The Board of Beneficiary Education reported Thursday. The report was adopted and referred to the Standing Committees on Education, Nominations and Finance. The following is the report:—

EVANS CITY, PA., Oct. 4, 1900.

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Board of Beneficiary Education would respectfully report as follows: The work entrusted to our oversight and care has received the attention it demands and has been performed according to the best of our ability. During the past year the following students

for the ministry were under the care and received aid from the Board, viz., H. H. Wiant, B. K. Hay, W. H. Kerschner, Simon Sipple, Perry C. Byers and J. S. Leiby. All of these, except Perry C. Byers, pursued their studies at Lancaster, Pa. Mr. Byers graduated from Grove City College, Pa., in June. The following action concerning him was taken by the Board one year ago, viz., "That he be advised, after he graduates there, to take the Senior year at F. and M. College, if he can see his way clear financially." From a letter received from him a short time ago he stated that he expected to enter the Seminary at the opening of the present session.

At the request of Dr. William Rupp, a member of the Board of Beneficiary Education and professor in the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., J. S. Leiby, a Senior in the college there, was taken under the care of the Board January, 1900, and aided to the extent of \$75.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BOARD.

Total amount received.....	\$827
Total amount expended.....	827

The Secretary, aided by Rev. Dr. Truxal, a member of the Board, audited the Treasurer's account and found it correct.

Rev. H. D. Darbaker's term of office expires at this meeting of Synod. Rev. Dr. Dieffenbacher, the President and Treasurer of the Board, having moved from our midst, it will devolve upon Synod to fill his place at this meeting on the Board.

To carry on the work entrusted to us we ask Synod to grant us an appropriation of \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SNYDER,
Secretary of Board.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education reported on Monday. The report was considered by items. The items, severally, and the report, as a whole, was adopted, and is as follows:—

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Education reports as follows:—

There were referred to us the report of the Board of Beneficiary Education and two overtures from Westmoreland Classis.

We recommend for your consideration and adoption the following:—

1. That the report of the Beneficiary Board be published in the minutes.

2. That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of the work of the Board.

3. That in view of the exacting demands upon the mind and heart and faith of the Ministry during these times, we request the Board of Beneficiary Education to exercise great caution in encouraging and aiding young men to enter the sacred calling, and that they make inquiry as to whether students meet their financial obligations.

4. That the Synod instructs the Board of Beneficiary Education, to require that students for the ministry shall be prepared for Sophomore class in College before receiving beneficiary aid.

5. That Synod requests the Seminary authorities to exercise more caution in admitting students for the Ministry, and especially in graduating them, so as not to recommend for licensure young men not intellectually or otherwise qualified for the work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS,
H. KING, W. A. BOWLING,
D. E. MASTER, WM. LUBOLD.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

I.—The Annual Report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The report of the Board of Publication was read by the Secretary on Saturday. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, and is as follows:

To the Eastern, the Pittsburgh and the Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Publication begs leave to submit to your Reverend Bodies its Annual Report as follows:

At a meeting in the City of Lancaster, October 19th, 1899, Mr. Francis E. Heller, of Fort Washington, Pa., was elected Business Manager for the Board at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars per annum, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. C. R. Ferner. At this meeting the Board also, in compliance with the actions of the several Synods on the subject, by an action passed, relieved the Editor of the Messenger of all business care and responsibility, and entrusted everything belonging to the business department of the concern to the hands of the Manager. The Sunday-school Board through

its representative, informed our Board that it had consented to this modification of the agreement entered into between the two Boards, May 11th, 1899.

At a meeting of the Board held at the publication rooms, Philadelphia, January 10th, 1900, our Board entered into an agreement with the representatives of the Sunday-school Board to carry on the book business jointly with said Board. The joint business was to begin April 1st, 1900, but by mutual consent of the Managers, the time for putting the arrangement in operation was afterwards deferred to July 1st, 1900. At a meeting of the Board held June 29th, 1900, after further investigation and canvass of the matter, the conclusion was reached that the arrangement agreed upon would not redound to the best interests of the Synods in publication matters and therefore the Board rescinded its action of the January meeting with reference to the joint conduct of the book business. And for the purpose of avoiding in the future all friction and misunderstandings between the representatives of the two Boards, our Board passed the following resolution:

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that the business of the Publication Board ought to be conducted separate and apart from the Sunday-school Board, and therefore our Manager is instructed to secure quarters for the conducting of our business independent of the Sunday-school Board; this separation to go into effect October 1st, 1900.”

The condition of our plant remains in general the same as it was one year ago. For the purpose of reducing the expenses the printing of the Messenger has been awarded to the “Report Publishing Co.,” of Lebanon, Pa., and in order to procure proper mailing privileges, the name Lebanon had to be added to that of Philadelphia as the place of publication. The subscription list of the Messenger is about the same as last year; that of the Review has been considerably increased. The book business has been remunerative and promises to become more so in the future. We bespeak for this branch of our trade the patronage of ministers and people of the church. Favorable action was taken by the Board at its last meeting on the request of the Potomac Synod that the subscription price of the Messenger be reduced as soon as practicable. The Manager has the matter under consideration.

The financial condition of the plant is shown by the following reports of the Manager, and the Treasurer.

Report of Francis E. Heller, Manager, July 1, 1900.

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand.....	\$2,847 55
Merchandise in Book Department.....	4,762 84
Merchandise in Messenger Department.....	68 76

Furniture and Fixtures.....	\$ 727 12	
Accounts Receivable—Book Department.....	1,651 12	
Accounts Receivable—Advertising.....	470 00	
Subscriptions due on Messenger.....	6,644 39	
Subscriptions due on Review.....	182 00	\$17,353 78

LIABILITIES.

Messenger Subscriptions paid in advance.....	\$2,856 78	
Review Subscriptions paid in advance.....	346 50	\$3,203 28

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Net Capital.....	\$14,150 50
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Losses and Gains from Nov. 1st, 1899, to July 1st, 1900.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	\$4,762 84			
Credits	10,196 61	\$14,959 45	Losses.	Gains.
Inventory, Nov. 1st, 1899 .	\$3,508 19			
Debits	9,107 27	\$12,615 46		\$2,343 99

MESSENGER.

Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	\$ 68 76			
Credits	10,498 52	\$10,567 28		
Debits		10,353 48		\$213 80

REVIEW.

Debits	\$723 20			
Credits	710 20	\$13 00		

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Inventory, Nov 1st, 1899....	\$557 85			
Debits	248 00	\$805 85		
Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	\$727 12			
Credits	62 50	789 62	16 23	

Net gain, November 1st, 1899, to July 1st, 1900..	2,528 56
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\$2,557 79 \$2,557 79

The above report and the Manager's books were examined and audited by J. H. Stein and H. M. Housekeeper and found correct.

It will be noticed in the above statement the liability of \$1,878.94 of last year's report has not been carried along and that the net capital has accordingly been correspondingly increased.

Report of James T. Reber, Treasurer of the Publication Board, September 1, 1900.

September 22d, 1899, balance in Treasury as per last report..	\$39 34
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RECEIPTS.

Interest on Reading & Columbia R. R. bonds...	\$200 00
Bonus from Sunday-school Board.....	1,000 00
Interest from Board of Home Missions on Mortgage Bonds.....	150 00

Last and final distribution of Fisher estate.....	\$17 40	\$1,367 40
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		\$1,406 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses of members attending meetings of Board.	\$145 75	
Printing Report.....	8 90	
A. W. Bomberger's counsel fee in Fisher estate..	5 00	
June 1st, purchase of Bond Reading & Columbia R. R. Co.....	1,000 00	
Premium on Bond.....	20 00	1,179 65
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Balance in Treasury.....		\$227 09

INVESTMENTS.

5 bonds, Reading & Columbia R. R. Co., 5 per cent	\$5,000 00	
1st mortgage bond, Massillon, Ohio, 5 per cent., Board of Home Missions.....	1,000 00	
1st mortgage, Youngstown, Ohio, 5 per cent....	1,000 00	\$7,000 00
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The books, papers and report of the Treasurer were examined and audited by J. H. Stein and found correct.

By comparing this report with that of last year it will be seen that the invested funds have been increased by \$1,000.00, with almost \$200.00 more cash balance in the Treasurer's hands.

The Board has endeavored to give the matters entrusted to its oversight and care, its most faithful attention and to manage them to the best of its ability. And it is our opinion that publications can be made, much more than they already are, a very useful and efficient department of Church work, and therefore we ask for the sympathy, prayers and co-operation of the Synods, the Classes and the people of the Church in the work in which we are their humble servants.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
Secretary.

W. RUSH GILLAN,
President.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication reported Monday evening. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Resolved, III. That renewed efforts be put forth to in-

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee begs leave to report, that the only paper referred to, is the Report of the Board of Publication of the Three Synods.

This report we have considered and are gratified to learn that our Publication interests, based upon the "safe and solid basis," noted last year, are continuing to make encouraging progress.

The report shows a net gain of \$2,557.79.

Based upon the appended reports of the Treasurer and Business Manager; and in the light thrown upon the whole matter by Rev. C. J. Musser, Editor, and Mr. Francis E. Heller, Business Manager, who were present at our first meeting, your Committee offers the following:

Resolved, I. That we are glad to know of the present happy and prosperous condition of the Board and compliment the Board for its good fortune in securing the services of Mr. Heller as Manager.

Resolved, II. That in compliance with the instructions of the Synod last year, we now approve of the present plan of carrying forward the Publication interests of the three Synods.

Resolved, III. That renewed efforts be put forth to increase the circulation of the "Messenger" and that in every proper way, we encourage greater zeal in maintaining the "Messenger" and "Review," as expressing the religious life and thought of this part of our Church.

Resolved, IV. Since it is entirely possible for our Board to provide all books and supplies for our charges promptly and at reasonable rates, therefore, we not only recommend, but strongly urge upon our pastors and charges, the privilege as well as the duty of supporting the Publication Institution of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. BOWLING.

J. NEVIN BAUMAN. ALEXANDER LEONARD.
JOHN K. ADAMS. L. D. WEBER.

III.—Publication of Minutes.

On Monday evening the Stated Clerk was instructed to have 2,200 copies of the proceedings of this meeting of Synod printed, and to be distributed in the usual manner.

ARTICLE XVIII.

NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS.

All vacancies occurring on the several Boards of Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. The Committee on Friday morning reported to Synod a double set of candidates. The report was adopted and the Committee was instructed to have ballots printed and the election was made the order of the day, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. On Thursday morning the President appointed Revs. S. C. Long, W. G. Klein, and Elder Brant Tellers, and on Saturday morning Revs. J. A. Leuzinger and J. E. Sheetz were added. The election was held at the appointed time and resulted as follows;

Trustee of Synod, Rev. W. H. Tussing; *Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home*, for four years, Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., J. N. Bauman, and Elder A. O. Eberhart; for one year, Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner; *Trustees of Literary Institution*, Revs. R. F. Gass, and Elder J. G. Schucker; *Board of Beneficiary Education*, five years, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; for two years, Rev. D. E. Master; *Board of Home Missions*, for five years, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; for three years, Rev. D. W. Kerr; *Sunday-schools*, Rev. I. A. Sites; *Trustee of Theological Seminary*, Elder Herman Baer, for five years; *Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary*, for three years, Rev. J. F. Snyder.

BOARDS AS NOW CONSTITUTED.

I.—Trustees of Synod.

For five years, Rev. W. H. Tussing; *for four years*, Rev. D. H. Leader; *for three years*, Elder J. F. Anthony; *for two years*, Elder J. M. Conroy; *for one year*, Elder John Reimold.

II.—Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

For four years, Revs. A. J. Heller, D.D., J. N. Bauman and Elder A. O. Eberhart; *for three years*, Revs. A. M. Keifer, and J. M. Evans, and Elder P. Keil; *for two years*, Revs. R. C. Bowling and S. T. Wagner and B. Wolff, Jr.; *for one year*, Revs. U. O. H. Kerschner, T. S. Land, and Elder J. M. Conroy.

III.—Trustees of Literary Institutions.

For three years, Rev. R. F. Gass, and Elder J. G. Schucker; *for two years*, Revs. D. H. Leader, and Elder W. R. Barnhart; *for one year*, Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., and J. F. Snyder.

IV.—Board of Beneficiary Education.

For five years, Rev. H. D. Darbaker; *for four years*, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D.; *for three years*, Rev. J. F. Snyder; *for two years*, D. E. Master; *for one year*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.

V.—Board of Home Missions.

For five years, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.; *for four years*, Rev. D. A. Souders; *for three years*, D. W. Kerr; *for two years*, Rev. R. C. Bowling; *for one year*, Elder J. M. Conroy.

VI.—Sunday-School Board.

For five years, Rev. I. A. Sites; *for four years*, Rev. C. M. Hartzell; *for three years*, Rev. D. N. Harnish; *for two years*, Hon. J. C. Weller; *for one year*, Rev. A. M. Keifer.

VII.—Board of Publication.

For three years, Rev. C. R. Ferner; *for one year*, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D.

VIII.—Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

For five years, Elder Herman Baer; for three years, Elder P. Keil; for one year, Elder W. R. Barnhart.

IX.—Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

For three years, J. F. Snyder, for one year, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D.

X.—Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

For six years, J. T. Hamilton; for four years, B. Wolf, Jr.; for one year, J. E. Kunkle, Esq.

XI.—Stated Clerk of Synod.

For two years Rev. J. Harvey Mickley.

XII.—Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary—

October, 1900.

EASTERN SYNOD:—*For six years, John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob Y. Dietz, Philadelphia, Pa.; for four years, John J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; John W. Apple and John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; for two years, George G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa.; Hon. Jeremiah Hess, Hellertown, Pa.; George Z. Kunkle, Harrisburg, Pa.*

POTOMAC SYNOD:—*For six years, Jacob H. Shriver, Hanover, Pa.; J. Taylor Motter, Washington, D. C.; for four years, Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Md.; E. A. Shulenberger, M.D., Carlisle, Pa.; for two years, Israel Loucks, York, Pa., and S. Nevin Hench, York, Pa.*

PITTSBURG SYNOD:—*For five years, Herman Baer, Somerset, Pa.; for three years, P. Keil, Pittsburgh, Pa.; for one year, W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.*

XIII.—Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary—

October, 1900.

EASTERN SYNOD:—*For four years, Revs. J. E. Heister, D. D., Annville, Pa.; E. N. Kremer, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; H. M. Kieffer, Easton, Pa.; for two years, Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Easton, Pa.; Rev. N. C. Schaffer, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; S. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.*

POTOMAC SYNOD:—*For four years, Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.; J. W. Santee, D.D., Mercersburg, Pa.; for two years, Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. Wm. C. Schaffer, D.D., Chambersburg, Pa.*

PITTSBURGH SYNOD:—*For three years, Rev. J. F. Snyder, Manordale, Pa.; for one year, Rev. A. R. Kremer, D.D., Berlin, Pa.*

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

I.—Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer read his annual report Thursday. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for auditing and is as follows:

D. H. Leader, Treasurer, in Account with Pittsburgh Synod.

1899.		DR.		
Oct. 16.	To amount received from Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., former Treasurer, seven hundred and forty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents.....			\$743 39
	To be applied as follows:			
	To General Apportionment Fund.....	\$640	94	
	" Foreign Missions.....	90	80	
	" General Synod's S. S. Board.....	6	65	
	" St. Louis Church.....	5	00	
				<hr/> \$743 39
1900.				
Jan. 13.	To Receipt of Geo. W. Stein, Treas., per Dr. D. S. Fouse.....			31 50

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

For General Apportionment.

Nov. 7.	Rec'd from Rev. D. A. Souders, Treas.,	\$591	07	
1899.				
Mch. 7.	" " " "	500	00	
June 13.	" " " "	664	13	
Sept. 12.	" " " "	650	00	
Sept. 27.	" " " "	54	80	
				<hr/> 2,460 00

For Foreign Missions.

1899.				
Nov. 7.	Rec'd from Rev. D. A. Souders, Treas.	295	53	
1900.				
Mch. 7.	" " " "	150	00	
June 13.	" " " "	150	00	
Sept. 12.	" " " "	100	00	
Sept. 27.	" " " "	82	47	
				<hr/> 778 00

1900.				
Mch. 7.	Rec'd from Rev. D. A. Souders, for Rev. H. K. Miller.....	25	00	
Mch. 7.	Rec'd from Rev. D. A. Souders, for Ministers' Relief Society.....	6	54	
Mch. 24.	Rec'd from J. I. Huber, Second Ch., Greensburg, for Rev. H. K. Miller..	10	00	
Sept. 12.	Rec'd from Rev. D. A. Souders, for Washington Memorial Church.....	19	00	
Sept. 12.	Rec'd from Rev. D. A. Souders, for Des Moines, Ia., Church.....	3	00	
Sept. 12.	Rec'd from Rev. D. A. Souders, for Ministers' Relief Society.....	5	00	
				<hr/> 68 54
	Apportionment, \$2460, paid in full.			

Apportionment for Foreign Missions,
\$778, paid in full.

CLARION CLASSIS.
For General Apportionment.

1899.					
Nov. 10.	Rec'd from Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treas.,			200	00
1900.					
Jan. 31.	" " " "			200	00
Feb. 26.	" " " "			175	00
Apr. 25.	" " " "			125	00
June 12.	" " " "			407	17
July 17.	" " " "			300	00
Sept. 27.	" " " "			200	00
Oct. 1.	" " " "			230	00
Oct. 2.	" " " "			22	83
				<hr/>	1860 00

For Foreign Missions.

1900.					
Apr. 25.	Rec'd from Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treas.			48	58
June 12.	" " " "			228	47
Oct. 2.	" " " "			138	50
				<hr/>	415 55

1899.					
Nov. 10.	Rec'd from Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treas., for Connellsville Church.....			15	00
1900.					
Apr. 25.	Rec'd from Rev. R. C. Bowling, Treas., for Washington, D.C., Memorial Ch.			28	00
				<hr/>	43 00
				Apportionment, \$1860, paid in full.	
				Apportionment for Foreign Missions	
				Rec'd on same.....	
				\$591 00	
				415 55	
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				In arrears.....	
				175 45	

ST. PAUL' CLASSIS.
For General Apportionment.

1899.					
Oct. 18.	Rec'd from C. M. Boush, Esq., Treas.,			400	00
1900.					
Jan. 13.	" " " "			300	00
Apr. 24.	" " " "			338	00
Apr. 30.	" " " "			50	00
July 10.	" " " "			233	70
Sept. 26.	" " " "			53	30
				<hr/>	1,375 00

For Foreign Missions.

1900.					
Jan. 27.	Rec'd from C. M. Boush, Esq., Treas.			17	00
Mch. 9.	" " " "			69	66
Apr. 24.	" " " "			102	63
June 2.	" " " "			47	69
July 10.	" " " "			39	63
				<hr/>	276 61
				Apportionment, \$1375, paid in full.	
				Apportionment for Foreign Missions..	
				444 00	

Rec'd on same.....	\$276 61
Bal. in arrears.....	167 39

SOMERSET CLASSIS.**For General Apportionment.**

1900.					
Apr. 28.	Rec'd from Rev. E. S. Hassler, Treas.,	280 00			
May 12.	" " " "	200 00			
Sept. 17.	" " " "	500 00			
Oct. 1.	" " " "	210 00			
					1,190 00

For Foreign Missions.

1899.					
Oct. 31.	Rec'd from Rev. D. H. Leader, Treas.,	4 48			
1900.					
Apr. 28.	Rec'd from Rev. E. S. Hassler, Treas.,	70 00			
Oct. 1.	" " " "	153 73			
					228 21
	Apportionment	\$1,875 00			
	Rec'd on same.....	1,190 00			
	In arrears.....	685 00			
	Apportionment for Foreign Missions,	\$604 00			
	Rec'd on same.....	228 21			
	In arrears.....	375 79			

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.**For General Apportionment.**

1900.					
Jan. 26.	Rec'd from J. M. Conroy, Treas....	\$700 00			
May 16.	" " " "	400 00			
May 29.	" " " "	150 00			
Sept. 27.	" " " "	125 00			
					1,375 00

For Foreign Missions.

1900.					
May 16.	Rec'd from J. M. Conroy, Treas.....	\$215 37			
May 16.	Rec'd from J. M. Conroy, Treas., for support of Rev. H. K. Miller.....	15 51			
May 16.	Rec'd from J. M. Conroy, Treas., for support of Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	10 00			
Sept. 27.	Rec'd from J. M. Conroy, Treas.,....	317 12			
					558 00
Mch. 12.	Rec'd from J. M. Conroy, Treas., for St. Paul's Orphans Home.....				10 53
	Apportionment, \$1375, paid in full.				
	Apportionment for Foreign Missions, \$558, paid in full.				
	Total of all receipts.....				\$11,413 33

CR.**Home Missions.**

By disbursements, as follows:—

1899.					
Oct. 24.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treas.....	\$400 00			
Nov. 16.	" " " ".....	600 00			
1900.					

Jan. 13.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treasurer, per. . rec't	\$ 31 50	
Jan. 27.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treas.....	800 00	
Apr. 28.	" " " "	300 00	
May 24.	" " " "	700 00	
June 18.	" " " "	800 00	
Sept. 17.	" " " "	918 50	\$4,530 00

Hungarian Missions.

1900.			
Apr. 28.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treas.	\$200 00	
Sept. 17.	" " " "	400 00	\$600 00

Harbor Missions.

1900.			
Sept. 17.	Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treas.....		\$85 00

Church Extension.

1900.			
May 9.	Paid C. M. Boush, Esq., Treas.....	\$250 00	
May 24.	" " " "	250 00	
Sept. 26.	" " " "	175 00	\$675 00

Beneficiary Education.

1899.			
Dec. 7.	Paid Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Treas.	\$255 00	
Dec. 9.	" " " "	100 00	
1900.			
Mch 14.	" " " "	400 00	
May 23.	" " " "	52 00	
June 9.	Paid Rev. J. F. Snyder, Treas.....	30 00	\$827 00

Ministerial Relief.

Feb. 5.	Paid Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer for support of Revs. J. McConnell and J. F. Wiant, each \$100.00.....	\$200 00	
June 29.	To same for same purpose.....	100 00	
Sept. 6.	To same for same purpose.....	100 00	
June 29.	To same, contribution of Ruffsdales charge	6 54	\$406 54

Theological Seminary, Lancaster.

1900.			
Apr. 27.	Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, for contingent fund.....	\$150 00	
Apr. 27.	Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, for teacher of elocution.....	50 00	
Sept. 10.	Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, for teacher of elocution.....	50 00	
Sept. 10.	Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, for contingent fund.....	150 00	\$400 00

Foreign Missions.

1899.			
Oct. 31.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer....	\$95 28	
Nov. 16.	" " " "	295 53	

1900.						
Jan. 27.	Paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer....	\$ 17 00				
Mch. 10.	" " " "	244 66				
Apr. 26.	" " " "	161 21				
May 24.	" " " "	310 88				
June 18.	" " " "	426 16				
Sept. 27.	" " " "	541 22				
						\$2,091 94

Interest of Turtle Creek Church Debt.

1899.						
Dec. 7.	Paid Rev. T. R. Dietz.....	\$150 00				
1900.						
June 8.	Paid Rev. T. R. Dietz.....	150 00				\$300 00

Contingent Fund of General Synod.

1900.						
July 17.	Paid W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer.....					\$144 00

Sundry Objects.

1899.						
Oct. 31.	Paid Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer, for General Synod's S. S. Board	\$6 65				
Nov. 9.	Paid Rev. J. C. Horning for St. Louis Church.....	5 00				
Nov. 16.	Paid Rev. A. J. Heller for Connells-ville Church.....	15 00				
1900.						
Apr. 26.	Paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer, for Washington Memorial Church..	28 00				
May 24.	Paid B. Wolfe, Jr., Treasurer, for Orphans' Home.....	10 53				
Sept. 12.	Paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer, for Washington Memorial Church..	19 00				
Sept. 12.	Paid Rev. E. E. Emhoff for Des Moines Church.....	3 00				
						\$87 18

Contingent Expenses of Synod.

1899.						
Oct. 16.	Paid Rev. T. S. Land for ballots....	\$1 00				
Oct. 16.	Paid L. E. Weber, expense of meeting at DuBois.....	10 00				
Nov. 16.	Paid Rev. J. H. Prugh, expense to Lancaster	12 75				
Dec. 7.	Paid Rev. R. C. Bowling, expense of Board of Missions.....	6 40				
Dec. 7.	Paid Rev. D. A. Souders, expense of Board of Missions.....	5 00				
Dec. 7.	Paid Reformed Church Publishing Board, printing and distributing minutes	128 12				
Dec. 29.	Paid Stated Clerk salary and expenses	118 12				
1900.						
May 25.	Paid Rev. A. R. Kremer, expenses of Board of Visitors to Lancaster....	14 00				
Sept. 25.	Paid Stated Clerk for oak case for archives	13 00				

Oct. 1. Paid Treasurer of Synod for stationery, postage, revenue stamps and salary	\$ 53 08	\$ 361 55
A total of		\$10,528 21
<i>Summary.</i>		
Total of all funds received		\$11,413 33
Total of all payments		10,528 21
Balance of all funds in the Treasury		\$885 12
To be paid as follows:—		
To balance due on pledge for church extension . .	\$441 00	
Foreign Missions	292 23	
Ministers' Relief Society	5 00	
General Apportionment Fund	146 89	\$885 12
<i>Synod Apportioned.</i>		
For general purposes	\$8,945 00	
Received on the same	8,260 00	
Balance unpaid (due from Somerset Classis) . .	\$685 00	
Apportioned for Foreign Missions	\$2,975 00	
Received on same	2,256 37	
Balance unpaid	\$718 63	

Due from Clarion, St. Paul's and Somerset Classes.

Synod made a tentative apportionment for Catawba College of \$500.00. No payments were received on this apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. LEADER.

Appended is the report of the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society of Synod:

II.—Report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society.

LATROBE, PA., Sept. 18, 1900.

To amounts received from Treasurers of the different Classical Societies of Pittsburgh Synod, from Sept. 14th, 1899, Sept. 8th, 1900, as follows:

For Girls' School	\$979 80	
" Home Missions	467 28	
" Hungarian Missions	10 00	
" China Missions	10 00	
" India Relief Fund	10 00	
" Theological Seminary	5 00	
		\$1,482 08

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By amount paid Mrs. Nettie Anthony,
Treasurer Women's Missionary Society, General Synod:

For Girls' School	\$979 80	
" Home Missions	467 28	
" Hungarian Missions	10 00	
" China Missions	10 00	
" India Relief Fund	10 00	
" Theological Seminary	5 00	
		\$1,482 08

MRS. D. E. ALBERT, *Treasurer.*

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance reported on Monday evening. The report was amended and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the report of the Treasurer, begs leave to state that it carefully examined the said report, compared the vouchers with items of disbursement, and found everything perfectly correct, with a balance of all funds in the treasury of \$885.12.

The following items approved by the Synod were referred to your Committee for apportionment to the several Classes:

Home Missions.....	\$4,550 00
Beneficiary Education.....	1,000 00
Hungarian Missions.....	600 00
Harbor Mission.....	85 00
Ministerial Relief.....	300 00
Contingent Expenses General Synod, \$430— one-third.....	143 00
Interest on Turtle Creek Loan.....	200 00
Contingent Fund of Theological Seminary.....	300 00
Professor of Elocution.....	100 00
Contingent Expenses of this Synod.....	400 00
Six cents per member for Church Extension....	1,132 00
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	\$8,810 00

To meet the above, we recommend the following apportionment:

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$2,388 00
Clarion Classis.....	1,759 00
St. Paul's Classis.....	1,316 00
Somerset Classis.....	1,805 00
Allegheny Classis.....	1,542 00
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	\$8,810 00

There was also referred to your Committee the sum of \$2,975 to be apportioned for Foreign Missions.

We submit the following apportionment for adoption:

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$778 00
Clarion Classis.....	591 00
St. Paul's Classis.....	444 00
Somerset Classis.....	604 00
Allegheny Classis.....	558 00
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	\$2,975 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER. A. M. SCHAFFNER,
A. K. KLINE. J. R. LEIGHTY,
J. M. CONROY.

IV.—Instructions to Treasurer.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay \$2.25, expenses of Board of Trustees of Synod; \$1 for ballots; \$10 to St. John's Reformed Church, Evans City, Pa.

ARTICLE XX.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, called up by Item 1 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, reported Thursday. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee takes pleasure in reporting, that during the year no deaths have occurred in the ranks of the ministry in the bounds of this Synod. It is fitting that we should make grateful acknowledgment of our Father's preserving care over his servants. Let us labor while it is day, abounding more and more in every good work and word.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I.—Report of Pittsburgh Synod's Sunday-School Board.

Pittsburgh Synod's Sunday-school Board reported Thursday. The report was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Sunday-school Board met before the close of the last Synod and reorganized by electing A. M. Keifer president, D. N. Harnish, secretary, and C. M. Hartzel treasurer. A second meeting was held in the Reformed Church, at Latrobe.

A third meeting was held in this church on Wednesday, October 3d. At each of these meetings the Sunday-school work of our Synod received consideration, but during the year the Board has been unable to do much in the way of improving conditions.

From statistics gathered and reports received we learn that the Sunday-schools of our Synod are not perfect. Indeed we are almost persuaded that they are not in as good condition as they ought to be. The statistics show that the number of persons belonging to our Sunday-schools is small when com-

pared with the membership of our churches. It appears that in only a few of our charges is the membership of the Sunday-school as large as that of the congregation. In some cases it is even smaller than the baptized membership of the congregation. In a majority of the congregations only a small proportion of the confirmed membership is found in the Sunday-schools of this Synod, and in a few cases even the elders and deacons are not found engaged in this part of the Church's work. From reports received from a number of pastors the condition of the Sunday-school work is expressed in about these words: "As fast as we gather the little ones into the Primary Department, the adults take their departure." In some cases complaint is made that the best talent in our congregations is not always available for work in the Sunday-schools.

There is, however, another side to this question. Your Board is convinced that never before has there been better and more faithful work done in and for the Sunday-school than during the past year. Good, helpful conventions were held in each one of the Classes of this Synod. As a rule these were well attended by those who were eager to learn more about this work. In addition to this in nearly every Sunday-school of the Synod much faithful and efficient work has been done for Christ and His kingdom.

Under these circumstances this Board can only express the needs of this work within the bounds of our Synod.

First, the membership of our schools ought to be larger, and include many more of the confirmed members of our churches.

Second, much of the energy of Synod, classes and consistories ought to be expended in trying to make our Sunday-schools more efficient in their appointed work.

Now is the time to strengthen this work. "The Twentieth Century Movement," inaugurated by General Synod's Sunday-school Board, has for its aim larger and more efficient Sunday-schools. It is proper, therefore, for this Synod to encourage in every way possible this movement.

We herewith submit the Sunday-school statistics of this Synod for the year 1899-1900; and also a list of the permanent Sunday-school Committees appointed at the last annual meetings of the Classes:

For St. Paul's Classis.—Rev. D. E. Master, Cochran, Pa.; Rev. M. N. George, Sharon, Pa.; Rev. S. T. Wagner, Meadville, Pa.

For Allegheny Classis.—Rev. J. G. Walters, Pittsburg, Pa.; Rev. A. H. Smith, McKeesport, Pa.; Rev. J. K. Adams, Duquesne, Pa.

For Somerset Classis.—Rev. S. C. Long, Jennerstown, Pa.; Rev. H. King, Somerset, Pa.

For Clarion Classis.—Rev. U. O. H. Kershner, St. Petersburg, Pa.; Rev. R. F. Gass, Hawthorn, Pa.

For Westmoreland Classis.—

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER, *President.*

D. N. HARNISH, *Secretary.*

**Statistical Report of the Sunday-School Board to the Pittsburgh Synod
for the Year 1900.**

	Westmoreland Classis.	St. Paul's Classis.	Allegheny Classis.	Clarion Classis.	Somerset Classis.	Total.
Number of Sunday-Schools.....	32	19	19	33	26	131
Officers and Teachers.....	425	343	286	388	345	1787
Scholars.....	3484	1494	2445	2476	2667	12566
Total.....	3806	1757	2712	2564	2943	13782
Number Schools open twelve months.....	26	14	13	16	18	87
Number Union Schools.....	2	3				5
Number Scholars Confirmed.....	970	627	925	963	906	4391
Number Scholars Baptized.....	1063	1043	1650	617	1192	5565
Confirmed during year.....	133	67	163	70	120	453
Number Schools using Catechism.....	14	7	13	6	6	46
Number Schools using Reformed Lesson Helps.....	31	16	19	19	26	111
Sunday-School Papers taken.....	1724	601	1206	633	1177	5347
Number Sunday-Schools having two Departments.....	30	10	13	13	6	72
Average Attendance.....	3007	1104	1671	1118	1730	7630
Contributions to General Board.....	\$42	\$39	\$54	\$39	\$39	\$203
Contributions to Other Church Boards.....	\$1232	\$91	\$742	\$181	\$235	\$2581
Contributions to Benevolent Objects.....	\$431	\$30	\$482	\$109	\$406	\$1658
Contributions to Support of Schools.....	\$1442	\$630	\$1183	\$275	\$906	\$5436
Books in Libraries.....	2226	1050	2813	1092	575	7756

*In part the statistics of last year

II.—Report of General Synod's S. S. Board.

Under Item 4 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was read the report of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and is as follows;

DEAR BRETHREN: We deem it important to call special attention to the fact that the work of the Board comprises two main departments, the Business and the Missionary. As in other similar denominational Boards, these two departments work together, but are distinct and separate in their treasuries and in their administration.

We aim to conduct the Business Department on business principles. The Business Department does not receive a penny of any Sunday-school Missionary offerings made to the Board, but on the contrary is a large contributor out of its annual earnings to the Sunday-school and Missionary work of the Board. Out of the profits of the past year, amounting to \$3,-

520.91, the sum of \$800 was appropriated to the Missionary Department. The balance has been added to the capital of the Business Department. In this connection we call your attention to the small capital of the Business Department in comparison with the large amount of business done. All this capital has been earned and created by the Business Department itself. It is necessary to give credit to our schools to the amount of thousands of dollars. We must pay in advance for the paper and printing of the periodicals and for supplies. This necessarily requires the creation of a capital in the Business Department. So also the increase of the business means the employment of a larger capital.

**THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1900.**

Assets.	
Cash on hand.....	\$3,806 23
Cash at Reading office.....	240 32
Accounts receivable for periodicals, etc., including Board of Publication, R. C. A., N. Y.....	5,312 65
Merchandise, viz:—	
At Philadelphia.....	1,561 73
At Reading.....	85 92
At Dayton, Ohio.....	338 73
Cash paid in advance on materials for periodicals for 2nd qr., and maps for 2nd, 3rd and 4th qr.....	2,411 20
Cash paid in advance on Harbaugh Life.....	244 61
Plates, engravings, etc., at half cost.....	500 00
Plates, etc., of Sunday-school Hymnal, at considerably less than cost.....	800 00
Furniture and fixtures at Philadelphia and Reading offices, cost \$423.63.....	300 00
Due from Sunday-school and Missionary Department on account of grants of literature.....	885 26
	\$16,486 65
Liabilities.	
Capital, April 1, 1899.....	\$7,949 89
Accounts payable.....	870 51
Cash received in advance on periodicals for 2d, 3d and 4th quarters, 1900.....	3,956 84
Due Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows....	188 50
	\$12,965 74
Net gain.....	\$3,520 91

Note.—In addition to \$188.50 paid since April 1, 1900, out of the earnings of the year ending March 31, 1900, to the Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows, \$800 has been paid into the Treasury of the Missionary Department of the Sunday-school Board; \$1,000 annual royalty was also paid to the Reformed Church Publication Board before March 31, 1900.

The increase in the amount of cash receipts for the present year over the previous year is \$7,581.57. The total cash re-

ceipts have been \$38,602.07. This increased business of the Board has been done at an additional expense of less than 2 per cent of the cash receipts.

The most notable issue of the year has been the publication of the Sunday-school Hymnal. This has been received with marked favor, and hundreds of schools are already using the book. We request your reverend body to commend this book, through the Classes, to the schools of the Church.

It is a pleasure to report a continued increase in the circulation of the Reformed Lesson Helps and Sunday-school papers, which is due largely to the co-operation of pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, and teachers. Special efforts are being made to improve Leaves of Light and Sunshine. These periodicals deserve much larger circulation as they are invaluable in the home in the way of cultivating a taste for Church literature on the part of the young as well as in aiding parents in the religious instruction of their little ones.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer, in account with the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

1899.	Dr.		
May 1.	Balance on hand this date.		\$162 45
1900.			
Apr. 16.	To cash received to date, inclusive, viz:—		
	Offerings of Sunday-schools	\$1,923 69	
	Sales, Children's Day services (special)	15 29	
	Appropriation from Business Department	721 94	
	Refunded from Business Department amount advanced on expenses of Board	77 88	
	Donation from "A Friend,"	200 00	2,938 80
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			\$3,101 25
1900.	Cr.		
Apr. 16.	By cash paid account of Missionary Department, viz:—		
	General Secretary's salary (one-third)	\$500 00	
	Salaries of seven Missionaries	1,120 06	
	Grants of literature with postage, expressage, etc.	951 38	
	Traveling expenses, Secretary	36 55	
	Miscellaneous expenses, Board meetings, Treasurer (\$77.83 refunded), etc.	153 00	2,760 99
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	Balance on hand		\$340 26

Note.—Amount on hand required for current obligations until Children's Day, 1900.

The work of this department is dependent upon the annual free-will offerings of the Sunday-schools and the appropriation from the earnings of the Business Department. In view of the fact that the Business Department must create its own capital and has to care for a rapidly growing business, it is evident that the Board must depend upon the offerings of the schools, if larger Sunday-school missionary work is to be undertaken. Nearly all the denominations of the land as well as the American Sunday-school Union are giving larger amounts yearly to this most important cause, recognizing the growing need for Sunday-school mission work. There are twelve million of children of school age outside of all Sunday-schools. The calls to the Board to do pioneer work are so many as well as calls from weak and needy schools to aid them with grants of literature, that there is abundant room for this branch of Home Missionary work. We request that the schools through the classes be made acquainted with the facts and be given opportunity to contribute on Children's day or at least once a year to this worthy object.

We have come to the closing months of the Twentieth Century Movement looking to the increase of the Sunday-school worship. We record with gratitude the fact that the Church is being aroused on this subject, and are hopeful that through the enthusiasm and constant work of pastors, consistory, and Sunday-school officers and teachers as well as scholars, the total enrollment of our Reformed Sunday-schools will reach the three hundred thousand mark by April 1, 1901. It is possible that the enrollment may not reach that figure, but we feel sure that the activities set in motion as a result of the agitation of this movement have brought in thousands of new scholars and have aided in overcoming the tremendous leakage that has been going on in our Sunday-schools all over the land.

The alarming fact with reference to our Sunday-schools is the apparently stationary membership in some of the Classes of our Eastern Synod and a few in the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods.

A hopeful sign in relation to the membership of our schools is the increase in the number in the Home Department and of the additions to the Cradle Roll. These two agencies are based upon the idea of educational religion. They link the home Bible school and the public religious instruction of the Church school together. They emphasize the responsibility of the parental vows, while they afford an opportunity for their fulfillment. They lead to co-operation between the home and the school, and when this has been brought about most fully,

not only will the Sunday-school hold its young people, but the great end and aim of its work will be accomplished. We commend these movements and the all-important work of the Sunday-school to your favorable consideration with the request that the attention of the classes be called to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Secretary.*

READING, Pa.

S. S. Board Reformed Church.

III.—Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools reported on Monday evening. The report was considered by items. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Sunday-schools present the following report for your consideration:

Three communications were referred to us, viz.: The annual report of the Sunday-school Board of Pittsburgh Synod, the annual report of the Sunday school Board of the Reformed Church in the U. S. to the District Synods, and the return from Clarion Classis.

We learned from these sources, in reference to the Leaves of Light, that there has been a commendable growth in the interest of this important work of the Church. The Twentieth Century Movement, and the Home Department have already evidenced their practicability in the advancement of the work generally. Successful conventions have been held in all the Classes and there seems to be a desire to realize a higher degree of excellence in all our schools.

Numerically, however, the progress has not been what might be expected. In many of our schools the membership is smaller than the membership of the congregation.

Your Committee recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we commend the Sunday-school Hymnal and urge its adoption and use in our Sunday-schools in preference to other similar books.

2. That Synod urge the Sunday-schools through the Classes to make an offering some time during the year for the missionary work of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod.

3. That the Sunday-school Board of Pittsburgh Synod put forth a special effort to further the Twentieth Century Movement, and that the Board co-operate with the Twentieth Century Committee of Synod.

4. That Synod recommend, through the Classes, the adoption of the Home Department in every congregation.

5. That Synod urge the various Classes, through their Sunday-school Committee, to make a determined effort during the year to make the Sunday-school membership equal to that of the congregation throughout the Synod.

6. That Synod remind Sunday-school officers, through the Classes, of the importance of complete statistics and urge the secretaries of the various Sunday-schools to make correct returns to the chairman of the Sunday-school Committee through the Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. WALTER.

WILL S. FISHER.

U. C. GUTELIUS.

HENRY YOUNG.

The following action was taken:

Items 1, 3, and 5, were severally adopted.

Items 2, 4, and 6, amended and adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XXII.

ORPHAN HOME.

I.—Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

The Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home was read by the President of the Board Thursday. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Home and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is with feelings of profound gratitude to the Father of the fatherless that the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa., begs leave to present to your Reverend Body so favorable a report of last year's work. For the first time in many years, have the offerings of the friends of this institution been sufficient to meet all of its current expenses. Not only were the current expenses of last year fully met, but a remaining indebtedness of the year before, amounting to several hundred dollars, was likewise canceled. For the Christmas and the Children's Day services no less than 47,500 envelopes were distributed throughout the Synods interested in the Home, and the appeal they represented was promptly and liberally responded to. The same method will be pursued the coming year.

The Home was the recipient, too, of several special favors, each of which was duly and gratefully acknowledged. Mr. Philip Daubenspeck a near neighbor and close friend of the institution, gave \$5,000 toward the liquidation of its indebtedness;

Mr. Heck, of Ohio, left it a bequest of \$250.00; and, towards the support of her five children, now bereft of both parents, to be admitted into the home, Mrs. Orrill left a legacy of \$1,200.

St. Paul's Classis having taken its outing at Conneaut Lake, and Westmoreland, at Idlewild, St. Paul's day was not so well attended; but these Classes shared the profits of their outings with the Home. The donations last fall were not as large as those of the year before, but in the line of vegetables there was a sufficient supply, as the products of the farm were unusually large.

Mr. H. S. Gibson, to whom a lease was given for the purpose, put down a well for oil in one corner of the woodland. No oil, except a mere trace, was found, but it proved to be a small, steady gas well. From this well the Home is now supplied with all the gas it needs for lighting and heating the buildings, at the low rate of six cents per thousand feet; and, in addition, it will receive a bonus of one hundred dollars per annum, so long as the gas pressure, through a six inch pipe, is above fifteen pounds per minute. The pressure thus far has been between sixteen and seventeen pounds per minute. The low rate at which the gas is furnished, will reduce the expense for light and fuel, not less than \$250.00 per annum.

Ten acres of pasture lands lying north of the Home grounds, and nearly adjacent to them, were purchased for the sum of \$500. A lease for oil previously given by the former owner to Mr. Gibson, was also transferred to the Home without reserve or consideration. A well was at once put down on this tract also, which yields a small quantity of gas. As soon as this can be sold the Home will receive a bonus for it of \$25.00 per annum.

The only important improvements of the past year were the placing of a new cooking range, an instantaneous water heater, and a small stove for a large cooking vessel in the kitchen, and a small stove in the laundry, all at a cost of one hundred dollars. A new board-walk also was put down, the lumber for which cost forty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents.

The current expenses for the year, to the first of last June, were all promptly met. They, together with the unpaid bills of the year before, amounted to \$7,561.04, being \$267.59 less than the expenses of the previous year. Of this amount, \$2,051.91 came from pay children and boarders.

The following is the report of the Treasurer:

B. Wolff, Jr., Treasurer, in account with St. Paul's Orphans' Home, for the year ending June 26, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$2 59
From Churches and Sunday Schools.....	4,064 23

From individuals and other sources.....	\$ 660 18
From interest on invested funds.....	544 66
From "Orphans' Friend".....	135 15
From Board of Children.....	2,051 91
Bequest of Peter Heck, deceased.....	250 00
From Philip Daubenspeck.....	5,000 00

\$12,708 72

Balance due Treasurer..... 5 75

\$12,714 47

EXPENDITURES.

To P. C. Prugh, Superintendent.....	\$7,092 93
Purchase of ten acres of land.....	500 00
Traveling expenses in interest of Home.....	18 00
Interest on debt.....	628 54
Peter Heck's legacy paid into Endowment Fund.....	250 00
Used for current expenses, now returned to Endowment Fund	531 35
Lindsay note paid off.....	1,000 00
Payment on account of note to B. Wolff, Jr.....	2,618 65
Paid to Clara Brown's guardian.....	75 00

\$12,714 47

LIABILITIES.

Note to B. Wolff, Jr.....	\$6,031 31
Note to P. C. Prugh, guardian of Clara Brown..	1,175 00

The plan adopted a year ago for the purchase of supplies has not yet been put into full operation. Whether it will prove to be superior to the one it is intended to supersede can be determined by experience only, and experimentation requires time.

Beyond the appointment of a day for the organization of the Women's Auxiliary Board, nothing has been done to bring this proposed arm of help into active service. We believe that the plan is entirely feasible, and that the cause can and will be greatly encouraged and aided through the organized effort and co-operation of our Women.

We are pleased to note that, throughout the year, remarkably good health has reigned in the Home. No special disease invaded it, nor did death claim any of its inmates. The moral and religious character of the children, too, has been uniformly good. They have been obedient and industrious. The average number of children in the Home during the year, was about seventy-five, twenty-five of whom were pay-children. The number at the time to which this report comes down, June 26, was fifty-seven church children and sixteen pay-children. Of the church children, twelve are from the Synod of the Potomac and six from the Ohio Synod. Five young girls, whose ages range from fifteen to eighteen years, went out from the Home well qualified for the duties and responsibilities of life; better, indeed, than many who are reared in homes of wealth and luxury.

The Board bears testimony to the efficient manner in which every department has been conducted. We believe that in this institution we have as near an approach to the ideal home, as it is possible to have outside of the Christian family. The end aimed at is, not only to feed and clothe the body, but carefully to cultivate the soul; so that those who have been entrusted to its care may go forth into the world possessed of a sound, moral and religious character. The friends of the Home have every reason for encouragement in this labor of love. Those who have gone out from this Home have thus far been an honor to it; and they have in many ways shown that they appreciate what it did for them, and that they are grateful. And hence, too, we indulge the hope that the years to come will find those of our people who so willingly and generously contributed of their means to aid this worthy cause in the year covered by this report continuing to remember it in their prayers and to support it with their gifts; and that others, quickened and encouraged by their deeds, will follow their example.

A suitable minute with reference to the life, labors, and recent entrance into his reward of Rev. C. A. Limberg, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. C. L. Alspach, having removed from the bounds of the Synod, his place as a member of the Board was declared vacant, and Rev. T. S. Land was elected to fill the vacancy.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire with this meeting of Synod, viz.; Revs. J. N. Bauman, A. J. Heller, D.D., and Elder J. E. Kunkle. The attention of the Synod is also called to the fact that Rev. Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, a member of the Board, has removed beyond the bounds of this Synod, thereby causing vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER,

President of the Board of Directors.

II.—Report of the Standing Committee on Orphan Home.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Home reported Monday evening. The report was considered by items. Items 1, 2, and 4 adopted, and item 3 amended and adopted, and the report adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To Pittsburgh Synod:

BRETHREN: The report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home was the only document referred to this Committee for consideration. From this report we learn that the Home has been in a more prosperous condition than in former years. In order that this condition may be continued and that even greater and better things may be done in this particu-

lar department of Christian work, we recommend the following action:

1. That the interests of St. Paul's Orphan Home be commended to the liberality of our people; and that the Classes be directed to bring interests of this Home to the attention of pastors and people in such manner as will greatly increase the gifts to the Home.

2. That the Classes be instructed to direct the congregations to devote the Christmas and Children's Day offerings to the Orphan Home cause.

3. That the action of Synod concerning the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary Board to be composed of three women from each Classis be re-affirmed.

4. That the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, or its Executive Committee, be instructed to arrange at an early date for the proper observance of St. Paul's Orphan Home day.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. KEIFER.

T. R. DIETZ.

A. R. MOWELL.

E. H. LAUBACH.

W. R. BARNHARD.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I.—Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Under Item 11 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was read the report of the Relief Society. It was referred to a Special Committee and is as follows:—

To the Reverend Synod of Pittsburgh:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—As the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing with September 30th, 1900:—

RECEIPTS.

Clarion Classis.....	\$65 00
St. Paul's Classis.....	37 65
Somerset Classis.....	25 15
Westmoreland Classis.....	6 54
Pittsburg Synod (special).....	\$134 34
Expended	400 00
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	\$534 34
Paid to three ministers.....	\$675 00

Attention is also called to the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged min

isters, their wives and the widows of ministers, and is the property of the Society for Relief, and is carried forward as a department of its work. It is in need of and calls for financial help that it may be successfully maintained.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am,

Yours fraternally,
SIMON S. MILLER,
Treasurer.

MYERSTOWN, PA., Oct. 1st, 1900.

II.—Annual Financial Statement of the Relief Society of Ministers and their Widows.

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication in the minutes of your Reverend Body the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year closing with September 30th, 1900:

RECEIPTS.	
Cash in Treasury, Sept. 30th, 1899.....	\$3,447 34
From the estate of Daniel Black.....	4,000 00
" loans paid.....	5,198 00
" interest on investments.....	1,993 00
" Collections in the churches.....	1,369 89
" Pittsburgh Synod (special).	400 00
" royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal....	185 00
" individual gifts.....	171 00
Total	\$16,765 13
EXPENDITURES.	
Paid for investment.....	\$9,800 00
" to fifty-six annuitants.....	3,235 00
" for expenses, salary, printing, postage, revenue stamps and stationery.....	463 80
" to Daniel Stine's Memorial Home....	402 00
Cash in Treasury, Sept. 30th, 1900.....	2,864 33
Total	\$16,765 13
Invested Fund.....	\$46,035 00

The following Ministers have become members during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Wm. H. Herbert, J. Philip Harner, Frederick Strassner, D.D., Nathaniel Ruetenik, John Phil. Stein, D.D., Stanley R. Krebs, Titus C. Strock, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer S. May, John H. Prugh, D.D., Francis C. Yost, Benjamin Weiss, Edwin R. Williard, D.D., Jonathan V. George, Moritz Heinze, George P. Hartzell, Eugene L. McLean, David J. Wolff, Isaac A. Sites, Franklin W. Brown and Wm. F. Lichliter.

Annual Members.—Revs. J. G. Steinert, George H. Miller, Henry C. Nott and Ernest M. Preuss.

Officers of the Society.—Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., president, Bedford, Pa.; Rev. J. David Miller, vice-president, Duncannon, Pa.; Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.

Assessors.—Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. Harry F. Dittmar, Jefferson, Md.

III.—Report of the Special Committee on the Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, together with a financial statement, reported on Monday evening. The report was amended and adopted as a whole and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on the Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States had placed into its hands two papers, the statement of the financial operation of the Society by the officers and the Treasurer's report. The financial statement shows that the Society has been well managed. The Treasurer's report shows an enlargement of the work and contributions. Enlarged gifts for the support of the inmates are asked for the Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

Resolved, That the Synod commends the Society and its work, to the prayers and heartfelt sympathy of every friend, member and Minister within our bounds, and every congregation, through its classes, to give an annual offering. We owe a debt of gratitude to the faithful widows of Ministers and Ministers who have been disabled, and those who have spent their strength and years in the service of the Master.

Resolved, That the request for enlarged gifts in behalf of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home be heeded by all.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH,

J. W. ALBERTSON,

L. E. WEBER.

IV.—Reporters.

The following persons were appointed to report for various papers: Rev. E. S. Hassler, the Reformed Church Messenger; Rev. W. H. Tussing, the Christian World; Rev. J. H. Mickley, the Reformed Church Record; Rev. C. H. Faust, the Pittsburgh Times, and Mr. McKee was granted the privilege of a chair to report for the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette, Dispatch and Post.

V.—Aid Continued to Rev. J. F. Wiant.

On Thursday Rev. J. F. Wiant was granted \$200 aid for the ensuing year.

VI.—Aid Continued to Rev. John McConnell.

On Monday the continuance of aid to Rev. John McConnell was referred to a Special Committee. The Committee reported on Monday afternoon and the report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

The Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the support of Rev. John McConnell begs leave to report the following for action:

Resolved (1), That the Synod extends its hearty sympathies to Rev. McConnell in his afflictions and the infirmities of age from which he is suffering.

Resolved (2), That the Synod set apart the sum of \$100 for the support of Rev. McConnell during the ensuing year, to be paid as heretofore through the Relief Society.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY,
J. N. NALY, J. SITLER.

VII.—St. Paul's Orphan Home Souvenir Booklet.

On Friday morning Dr. Heller, the President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, presented the plan of the Board to publish a booklet of the Home, and asked for contributions to defray the expenses of publishing it. In a few minutes cash and subscriptions, amounting to \$116, was received.

VIII.—Report of the Special on the Request of the Turtle Creek Mission for Aid.

The Committee reported on Monday as follows and report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee, appointed to consider the request coming from the Turtle Creek Mission, is highly gratified to learn of the substantial progress this Mission has been making. However, the debt that is still burdening the Mission has a tendency to hinder the onward march towards a self-supporting charge and we believe that some help is still needed. We, therefore, recommend the following action:

That the request, coming from the Turtle Creek Mission,

be granted and \$200 be appropriated for the ensuing year by this Synod towards the payment of interest of mortgage.

Respectfully submitted,

U. O. H. KERSCHNER,
R. FRANKLIN MAIN, D. H. MOHR.

IX.—The Report of the Board of Trustees Regarding their Organization.

The Board of Trustees reported Thursday and the report was adopted, and the action of the Board sanctioned, and the vacancy was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. The following is the report:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

In obedience to your instruction, your Board of Trustees met for organization at Evans City, Pa., October 4th, 1900. A quorum was present and the Board organized by electing Elder Jno. Reimold president and Elder J. M. Conroy vice-president and secretary. The following report was ordered to be presented for your consideration.

1. In April last the trustees, not being organized, were called on individually to sign receipt for and a paper authorizing the payment of a legacy of \$500, given by the will of Mrs. Sarah Musick, to Synod's Theological Professorship Endowment Fund, to be paid to Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer of Seminary. We complied with this request and learn from Mr. Roth that the said money has been paid and invested through Elder W. R. Barnhart, your agent, although we felt that this money, being made payable to the Trustees of Synod, should have passed through the hands of your Board.

As the matter was urgent and the Board unorganized, we pursued the above course, believing it will meet your approval, which we hereby ask.

The term of Elder W. G. King expires as a member of the Board with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully,

JOHN REIMOLD, *President.*

J. M. CONROY, *Secretary.*

X.—Rev. S. H. Dietzel's Book, "The Church Member."

Under Item 14 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures was presented a book, "The Church Member." It was referred to a Special Committee, which reported Monday. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the book entitled "The Church Member," published by Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D., beg leave to report that they have

examined the work and can recommend it most heartily to the people of our Church

It contains fifteen chapters, covering many subjects with which every Church member has to deal practically. The introduction is sound and good throughout and the direction such as ought to be followed.

We are fully persuaded that any pastor who would succeed in placing a copy of this book in every family of his Church would find it, in many respects, a great helper to him in his labors. The little book ought to receive a wide circulation.

We recommend that the copy in our hand be presented to the Sunday-school of the Church in which we are holding our present sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,

W. S. FISHER, AUGUST WEBER.

XI.—Rev. I. A. Sites' Book, "Reformed Robbers."

On Thursday, under Item 9 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, was received the book, "Reformed Robbers," by Rev. I. A. Sites. It was referred to a Special Committee, which reported on Monday afternoon. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee, to whom was referred the book entitled "Reformed Robbers," by Rev. I. A. Sites, would submit the following report: We have examined the book as carefully as our limited time would permit. The book is well bound, has good print, and with the exception of some striking typographical errors, presents a pleasing appearance. The general purpose of the book is to cultivate a more generous spirit of giving, and to do this the author strongly advocates the giving of tithes and offerings, and in withholding these, the author believes, God is robbed. Hence, the title of the book, "Reformed Robbers." We believe that the book is one that can be read with profit by all Christian people.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SUMMEY,

C. E. WAGNER,

JACOB SITLER.

XII.—Report of the Stated Clerk Regarding Purchase of Oak Case for Archives of Synod.

Under Item 6 of the report of the Standing Committee of Minutes of Synod the Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—In accordance with your instruction, I had an oak case made for the Archives of Synod, with six divisions for the minutes of the Classes and fifty-six divisions for the papers of the annual meetings. The material was purchased and Elder Walter Brubaker, of St. John's congregation, Johnstown, did the work, charging only about half price for his time. The total cost was \$13. and the same has been paid by the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARVEY MICKLEY, S. C.

XIII.—The Inaugural of Rev. George W. Richards.

Under Item 5 of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., reported, and the report was adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—As the representative of the Pittsburgh Synod, I would respectfully report that I visited the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in its annual meeting at Lancaster, Pa., in October, 1899, and assisted in the inauguration of the Rev. George Richards as Professor of Church History in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, at Lancaster, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRUGH.

XIV.—Persons Invited to Address Synod.

The following persons were invited to address Synod: Rev. J. P. Moore, D.D., Tokyo, Japan, "On Our Missions in Japan;" Rev. John M. Schick, D.D., Washington, D. C., "The Memorial Church;" Rev. R. W. Miller, Reading, Pa., "Sunday-school Work;" Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Lancaster, Pa., "The New Science Building;" Prof. Glenn Heller, Frederick, Md., "The Woman's College;" Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., Butler, Pa., "The Orphan Home;" Rev. S. S. Miller, Myerstown, Pa., "The Relief Society," and Rev. W. C. Webb, Philadelphia, Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance, "Alliance Work."

XV.—Report of the Special Committee on Leave of Absence.

The Special Committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Leave of Absence has granted excuses as follows:

After Friday morning, Rev. E. H. Otting; after Friday evening, Elder Eli Stanton, Elder R. C. Sinn, Elder George

Kessler; *after Saturday evening*, L. D. Weber, Rev. D. S. Stephan, Rev. C. E. Wagner, Elder F. L. Jones; *after Sunday evening*, Rev. E. P. Skyles, Rev. R. E. Crum, Elder Jacob Brinker, Elder C. J. Otto, Elder L. E. Weber, Elder W. L. Brant, Elder W. W. Deichman, Elder Augustus Miller, Elder Augustus Weber, Rev. H. S. May; *after Monday morning*, Rev. E. H. Laubach; *after Saturday evening*, Rev. P. S. Leinbach, Rev. C. F. Althouse; *after Monday morning*, Rev. F. M. Line; *from the closing session*, Rev. J. G. Walters, Rev. W. S. Fisher, Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Rev. W. G. Kline, Elder Jacob Sitler, Elder S. G. Ebersole, Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., Rev. C. W. Summey, Elder W. J. Mayer.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. WAGNER,

J. P. HARNER,

HENRY FULLMER.

XVI.—Overture from Westmoreland Classis Regarding Representation on Various Boards of General Synod.

Under Item 2 (b) of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis the Overture from Westmoreland Classis was referred to a Special Committee, which reported Monday evening. The report was unanimously adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Pittsburgh Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Special Committee, to which was referred an overture from Westmoreland Classis to your body, to overture General Synod concerning representation of District Synods on the several Boards of General Synod, would respectfully submit the following:

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends that the following overture be made to General Synod:

(a) That each District Synod be entitled to one representative on the several Boards of General Synod.

(b) That each District Synod be entitled to nominate and submit two (2) candidates for each Board, of whom General Synod shall elect one.

(c) That the remaining members of the various Boards, according to the requirements of their charters, be known as members of the said Boards from the Church at large, the same to be nominated by "the Standing Committee on Nominations" of General Synod, and elected as at present.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. KERR,

EDW. D. MEIXELL,

GEO. H. SMITH.

XVII.—Additional Excuses.

On Monday evening Rev. R. F. Gass was excused from

attendance upon the present sessions of Synod and Elders Charles Kane and Henry Young from the last roll call.

XVIII.—Time and Place of Next Meeting.

On Monday evening Synod decided to meet in *General Convention*, in the Amity Reformed Church, Myersdale, Pa., the first Wednesday evening of October (second day), 1901, at 8 o'clock, and it was decided that when we adjourn finally it be to meet in said Church at the above date.

XIX.—Devotional Exercises.

The following members of Synod conducted the devotional services: Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D.; A. M. Schmidt, J. M. Schick, D.D., H. S. May, M. N. George, J. E. Sheetz, U. O. H. Kerschner, J. T. Balliet and H. King.

XX.—Committee on Program for Next Meeting.

On Monday Revs. A. E. Truxal, D.D., E. S. Hassler and Elder W. L. Brant were appointed a committee to arrange a program for next meeting.

ARTICLE XXIV.

I.—Resumption and Close.

The roll was called and a quorum found present at the opening of every session and at the close of Synod. The minutes were read, corrected and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of the Synod.

II.—Resolution of Thanks.

The following resolutions were adopted Monday evening by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of Pittsburgh Synod are due the good people of St. John's Reformed Church, Evans City, for their kind and hospitable entertainment; to their pastor, Rev. J. F. Kerlin, for the wise and excellent manner in which he provided for the comfort of the Synod.

Resolved, That ten dollars be paid the management of St. John's Church to defray the expenses incurred by our meeting here.

Resolved, That the pastor be asked to read these resolutions from the pulpit at the next regular Lord's Day service, and that they be published in the local paper.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the pastor and congregation of the M. E. Church for opening their church for our use.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to tender the thanks of Synod to the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Pitts-

burgh and Western Railroad officials for the reduced rates granted the members of Synod.

ARTICLE XXV.

Adjournment.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States adjourned finally at 10.15 o'clock P. M., October 8th, 1900, A. D., to meet in *General Convention* in the Amity Reformed Church, Myersdale, Pa., on the first Wednesday in October (second day), A. D. 1901, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Synod closed with singing the Gloria in Excelsis, repeating the Apostles' Creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, singing the Long Metre Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

	DANIEL H. HARNISH,
J. HARVEY MICKLEY,	<i>President.</i>
	<i>Stated Clerk.</i>

Official copy of the original minutes.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY,
<i>Stated Clerk.</i>

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	MEMBERS. ADDITIONS.										S. S. STA- TISTICS.		CONTRIBU- TIONS.			Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Transferred.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resignation of Members.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfir- ed.	Officers and Teach- ers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.				Benevolent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.
J. F. Snyder	Emmanuel	1 394	261	244	21	1	23	0	5	0	3	4	5	19	176	0	\$405 46	31214 95	14	36 Manor Dale, Pa.	
C. M. Hartzell	Latrobe	2 330	200	180	17	21	16	20	10	0	14	8	2	46	326	0	569 54	2153 25	16	50 Latrobe Pa.	
J. N. Bauman	Jacob	1 318	229	217	26	2	8	19	9	0	0	2	5	18	150	1	327 20	1689 80	15	40 Jeannette Pa.	
J. H. Mickle	St John's	1 233	196	170	19	3	5	19	3	0	4	4	3	17	216	0	351 32	1649 60	25	23 Johnstown, Pa.	
D. A. Souders	Irwin	2 383	284	297	15	0	27	1	12	0	9	6	3	26	207	0	585 55	1397 00	25	50 Irwin, Pa.	
J. M. Evans	Denmark Manor	2 319	258	180	16	1	15	4	3	0	0	4	2	23	238	0	459 04	948 44	25	18 Harrison City, Pa.	
E. D. Melick	Scottsdale	2 198	164	100	6	2	5	7	6	0	10	3	2	15	120	0	318 25	1117 35	10	20 Scottdale Pa.	
D. B. Stephan	First Reformed	1 35	25	32	1	2	0	33	0	0	0	0	1	9	60	0	4 47	126 23	3	5 Vandergrift Pa.	
T. B. Land	Brush Creek	2 297	257	104	12	11	11	8	11	0	5	3	2	28	206	0	522 00	1852 00	12	60 Manor Station Pa.	
B. B. Mase	Second Greensburg	1 283	265	26	10	1	10	7	3	0	4	5	0	21	200	0	549 94	10479 24	20	48 Greensburg, Pa.	
W. H. Tussing	Mount Pleasant	2 273	217	144	16	4	7	4	4	0	9	4	0	22	214	2	468 06	1451 00	35	30 Mt Pleasant, Pa.	
C. E. Wagner	Salem	2 237	213	117	8	1	6	17	5	0	7	6	1	23	115	0	346 75	1277 00	40	25 Delmont, Pa.	
H. S. Garner	Harolds	1 133	108	75	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	16	64	0	113 60	826 00	8	7 Greensburg, Pa.	
A. M. Schaffer	Ruffsdale	3 243	224	111	13	3	3	4	6	0	5	3	2	31	228	0	221 31	1019 12	17	19 Ruffsdale, Pa.	
A. J. Heller D.D.	Trinity	1 29	25	35	2	0	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	10	44	0	19 42	588 00	13	104 Green St, Con'tsville, Pa.	
Will S. Fisher	Pine Run-Salina	2 243	210	109	10	5	13	7	4	0	0	0	1	26	206	0	221 00	939 00	18	25 North Washington, Pa.	
W. A. McClellan	Young'twn. Pleasant Unity	6 307	234	101	13	2	18	5	7	0	0	3	2	33	193	1	220 33	807 63	16	25 Youngtown, Pa.	
Vacant	First Greensburg	1 649	580	455	45	4	45	9	27	0	0	3	4	1	38	289	0	1212 00	2479 37	20	75
*C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.	Without charge																			North Washington, Pa.	
C. W. Bummey	Without charge																			Salina, Pa.	
C. R. Ferner	Without charge																			Scottsdale, Pa.	
J. McConnell	Without charge																			Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
Lucian Cort	Without charge																				
C. E. Zimmerman (lic).	St James Congregation	1 56																			
[Rev Francis Canford]	Olive Congregation	1 30	25		1		7	1												Johnstown, Cambria Co., Pa.	
Ministers, 21.	Charges, 18.	24	4940	4043	2786	260	33	221	171	115	65	63	36	422	3431	5	530878 56	82284 01	306	565	

*Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., was dismissed July 6, 1900, to Mercersburg Classis. Fotomac Synod. Official notice has been given of his reception
 [Rev. Francis Canford] was received July 6, 1900, into Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod. His name was ordered to be placed on the ministerial roll.

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.				S. B. STA- TISTICS.				CONTRIBU- TIONS.				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Confirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Carrif or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Renewal of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconf'd.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teach- ers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Pur- poses.		Congregational Purposes.	Ministries Wanted.	Church Papers Taken	
Robert C. Bowling.....	Kittanning	1	226	179	146	10	1	16	7	7	13	3	1	1	1	16	106		\$253 40	\$1960 00	25	60	Kittanning, Pa.	
Robert E. Crum	DuBois	3	313	269	290	9	...	...	5	2	4	5	0	3	3	25	106		218 00	1251 00	30	...	DuBois, Pa.
Richard F. Gass.....	Red Bank	4	336	323	146	17	3	20	10	2	4	3	1	4	4	44	232		296 00	1812 00	30	30	Hawthorn, Pa.	
David W. Kerr	St John's	4	359	216	183	10	3	14	8	1	4	4	1	4	4	44	290		281 00	450 00	30	14	Westville Pa.	
Lucian W. Showers.....	Plum Creek	4	318	245	276	24	1	4	1	...	...	3	3	3	3	30	191		326 00	626 00	30	9	Gastown, Pa.
John N Nely.....	Apelle	1	166	119	119	6	...	6	10	18	9	2	4	1	1	12	94		112 00	1060 00	1	21	Apollo Pa	
Henry D Dabaker	Emlenton	3	220	203	109	6	3	7	3	3	4	1	6	4	2	25	177		304 00	1203 00	30	30	Emlenton	
U. Q. H. Kerschner.....	St. Petersburg	1	270	367	140	17	18	25	12	15	...	6	4	3	3	20	294		343 00	1545 00	30	30	St Petersburg, Pa.	
Francis M. Lins	Curlsville	4	406	339	254	23	...	...	14	13	1	3	3	4	4	44	248		376 00	1140 00	24	26	Rimersburg Pa.
Isaac A. Sites.....	South Bend	2	174	103	75	6	3	10	6	3	3	1	2	2	19	124		133 00	1248 00	10	...	South Bend, Pa.		
Lewis Reiter.....	Punxsutawney	1	60	48	38	1	8	7	3	3	...	1	1	1	1	12	100		61 00	268 00	3	...	Punxsutawney, Pa.	
E. H Laubach	Beaver	2	432	295	343	17	1	3	2	2	19	6	1	3	3	28	148		474 00	461 00	20	...	Monroe, Pa.	
Vacant.....	Mt. Union	1	81	26	48	2	1	6	...	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...		16 00	96 00	7	4	West Valley, Pa.
Vacant.....	Paradise	2	459	340	192	10	1	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		337 00	1500 00	25	16	Troutville Pa
W. C. Houpt.....	Without Charge .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	Venus, Pa
Ministers, 11.	Charges, 16.	22	3765	3135	2124	100	35	343	81	73	...	77	33	25	319	2177		14871	207	240

I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the original Statistics.

R. M. CRUM, Stated Clerk

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS. ADDITIONS.					LOSERS.					S. S. STA-TISTICS.			CONTRIBU-TIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconf'd.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.		Minutes Wanted			
A. M. Kiefer	Zion's	1	520	458	230	25	2	15	17	3	0	0	0	0	1	221	254	1	\$ 512	\$ 2049	27	40
D. B. Lady, D.D.	Shenango	4	538	542	237	20	7	11	12	4	0	0	0	0	2	45	216	2	413	1207	0	13
D. El. Master.	Zion	4	294	264	179	19	6	14	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	38	155	0	285	925	15	12
B. T. Wagner.	Watson Run	2	244	213	111	12	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	80	0	253	713	15	3
L. P. Goerrig	Without charge																					
J. F. Wiant	Without charge																					
J. H. Apple, D.D.	Without charge																					
A. S. Glasser.	Sagertown	3	197	180	70	1	4	7	7	3	0	0	0	0	2	21	72	0	130	1350	10	40
F. L. Kerr.	Meadville	1	244	190	110	12	3	17	9	5	0	0	0	0	1	23	175	0	231	1150	12	7
M. N. George.	Sharon	1	163	91	150	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	112	0	75	532	9	0
J. Edgar Sheets.	Grace	2	154	163	80	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	35	0	38	456	0	0
"Vacant.	Grove City	3	120	101	58	11	0	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	2	21	83	0	109	543	3	63
"Vacant.	New Hamburg	1	156	159	82	12	2	10	3	14	0	0	0	0	1	17	130	0	130	747	9	33
Ministers, 11.	Totals	21	2830	2344	1305	121	34	3	71	28	0	17	48	0	5	113	1494	3	\$ 32176	\$10408	113	261
Church Papers Taken.																						

*D. W. Kerr has accepted call to Grove City, Pa.

†J. W. Alberison has accepted call to New Hamburg, Pa.

F. L. KERR, Stated Clerk.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			STATISTICS			CONTRIBUTIONS			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Communications	Confirmed.	Transferred.	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Left or He Prof	Discontinued.	Transfer of Names.	Deaths, temporary	Deaths, permanent	Sunday-School	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Students for Ministry		Beneficial Purp.	Constitutional Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken
Benjamin Knapper	Wettersburg supply	1	37	22	25	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 18 00	\$ 16 00	13	6	
Hiram King	Somerset	2	202	170	56	10	1	11	10	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	219 00	729 00	13	6	
Abner H. Kremer, D.D.	Berlin	1	263	223	163	10	2	11	8	11	2	2	1	1	1	1	297 00	890 00	14	18	
William Rupp, D.D.	Prof in Theol Seminary	5	225	201	135	12	3	11	9	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	174 37	1261 36	12	11	
Samuel C. Long	Beam	2	316	269	227	35	2	16	11	7	10	3	2	2	2	2	228 00	1031 00	21	26	
Edgar S. Hassler	Wilhelm	4	271	207	144	6	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	183 00	672 00	16	25	
Frank Wetzel	Stonestown	1	499	413	241	20	1	10	10	1	6	3	1	1	1	1	304 00	1234 00	20	40	
Albert E. Truxal, D.D.	Meyerdsdale	3	251	242	183	10	7	7	7	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	213 04	1032 75	13	..	
Eugene P. Skyles	Zion	3	206	103	112	7	3	8	7	3	6	1	2	2	2	2	180 30	740 63	..	..
John T. Balliet	New Centreville	2	112	69	68	17	2	14	5	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	98 50	655 44	20	4	
Urban C. Gutelius,...	Cumberland	1	319	201	103	22	1	7	7	10	3	3	1	1	1	1	217 35	1170 39	10	4	
Conrad A. Hauser	Fruetburg	4	347	279	204	25	26	6	9	4	0	3	4	4	4	4	164 00	684 00	30	7	
John D. Hunsicker	White Creek	4	154	69	107	5	2	6	3	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	83 37	164 80	3	3	
Adolphus Walker	Hyndman	4	286	224	179	6	2	6	3	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	121 00	431 69	12	3	
Vacant	Glade	2	354	278	166	13	10	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	278 16	878 15	16	36	
Vacant	Paradise	1	19	12	24	3	1	7	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	4 00	59 30	..	..
U. C. Gutelius (supply)	Ellerslie	1	25	23	10	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 00	17 00	..	..
J. D. Hunsicker (supply)	Fink's	1	25	23	10	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Franklin Main	Assistant Beam	1	25	23	10	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ministers, 16.	Charges 14	61	3866	2085	2277	213	16	163	103	75	17	46	33	30	356	3408	2	\$2267 86	\$12204 80	180	176

*Dismissed to West Susquehanna Classis, June 7, 1900.
 Since meeting of Classis Rev. J. P. Harner has become pastor of this charge
 Since meeting of Classis Rev. H. B. May has become pastor of this charge
 Assistant pastor in Beam's charge, and Missionary under care of Classis at Windhor

EDGAR S. HASSLER, Stated Clerk

ALLEGHENY CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSERS.				STATISTICS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Confirmed.		Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Critic or Re-Prov.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Renewal of Vows.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Renewal Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.		
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Critic or Re-Prov.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Renewal of Vows.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Renewal Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.		
John H. Prugh, D.D.	Grace, Pittsburg	1	342	221	152	8	2	10	11	9	9	17	8	2	1	1	12	170	\$ 4900	\$ 1600	12	50	263 Colliart Square, Pittsburg.
D. M. Harnish	Butler Charge	2	383	263	285	19	2	10	23	20	20	17	8	2	2	2	30	318	1630	1600	25	100	Butler, Pa.
A. K. Kline	St Luke's	1	115	53	76	11	10	10	14	8	8	2	2	2	1	1	19	130	125	1022	15	8	315 Camp Ave., Braddock, Pa.
J. Grant Walter	St Mark's	1	154	116	119	3	1	3	16	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	13	133	1465	2545	12	25	412 N St. Clair St., Pittsburg.
C. F. Althouse	Fairview Charge	2	322	318	129	7	6	12	4	14	14	36	5	1	2	2	33	343	571	1124	30	8	Baldwin, Pa.
A. H. Smith	First McKeesport	1	104	87	90	11	1	2	9	4	4	17	1	1	1	1	19	128	153	1211	10	12	1006 Evans Ave. McKeesport.
T. R. Dietz	Calvary	1	138	118	100	10	5	5	34	7	7	7	3	2	1	1	16	130	124	1056	7	10	Turtle Creek, Pa.
J. W. Kerlin	St John's	1	162	154	69	12	2	16	26	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	15	127	217	1256	26	5	Evans City, Pa.
J. A. Leustinger	Harmony Charge	1	252	244	105	11	4	24	10	2	2	4	4	1	1	1	21	190	237	1083	30	10	Harmony, Pa.
C. H. Faust	Sugar Creek Charge	1	223	188	95	12	2	12	7	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	12	157	176	485	20	10	Adams, Pa.
W. G. Klein	Bethany Charge	2	148	132	75	8	1	1	9	4	4	16	1	1	1	1	19	109	182	743	11	8	Butler, Pa.
D. H. Leader	Trinity, N Kensington	1	130	91	60	2	4	7	7	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	16	125	85	1060	10	8	New Kensington, Pa.
Vacant	Trinity Wilkesburg	1	280	223	146	15	1	1	20	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	20	230	307	4248	25	5	Station D, Pittsburg.
Paul Kenyha	First Hungarian	1	650	580	130	57	11	11	27	1	1	27	1	1	1	1	8	46	846	2445	...	...	Bates St., Pittsburg.
Vacant	First Hungarian	1	37	26	22	2	5	8	29	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Duquesne, Pa.
John K. Adams	Homestead Charge	2	37	32	22	2	5	8	29	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Carnegie, Pa.
Charles Knepper		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Butler, Pa.
P. C. Prugh, D.D.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Warren, Ohio.
E. H. Otting		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Reading, Cal.
D. O. Kleib		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Pa.
A. M. Schmidt		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bouquet, Pa.
A. C. Snyder, Ph.D.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bouquet, Pa.
Totals		21	3475	3100	1690	191	29	96	338	60	118	71	21	19	242	3466	...	\$17056	\$20003	197	243		

P. C. Leinbach received, Oct. 3d, from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod.

D. N. HARNISH, Stated Clerk.

SUMMARY OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				S. S. STA.				CONTRIBUTIONS.																																																							
Members.				Unconfirmed.				Infant Baptisms.				Adult Baptisms.				Confirmed.				Dismissed.				Excommunicated.				Expulsion of Members.				Deaths, Communicants.				Deaths, Unconf'd.				Sunday-schools.				Officers and Teachers.				No. of Scholars.				Students for Ministry.				Beneficent Purposes.				Congregational Purposes.				Minutes Wanted.				Church Papers Taken.			
Synods.	Classes.	Minist'rs.	Congregations.	Members.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Expulsion of Members.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconf'd.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.																																																
Westmoreland Classis	1	22	24	4940	4048	3796	360	33	221	177	135	66	63	35	33	422	2,431	5	84,878	55	32,334	01	306	555																																															
Clarion Classis	1	13	22	3769	3123	2131	140	26	163	81	73	77	52	23	23	339	2,177	..	3,680	00	14,871	00	307	249																																															
St. Paul's Classis	1	10	21	2820	2344	1806	123	24	84	73	48	48	17	43	8	18	243	1,494	3	2,176	00	10,403	00	113	362																																														
Somerset Classis	1	15	41	3845	3085	2277	213	16	183	101	76	76	37	44	39	30	356	2,408	3	2,267	96	12,209	80	180	178																																														
Allegheny Classis	1	20	20	3475	3109	1690	151	29	98	338	80	80	116	71	21	19	282	2,466	0	17,066	50	30,002	00	187	243																																														
Pittsburgh Synod's Totals	6	80	143	18,570	15,708	10,194	947	127	713	643	390	390	312	378	116	128	1642	11,976	10	123,063	51	510,319	81	1003	1484																																														
Eastern Synod	1	12	502	98,512	80,935	61,861	5,412	572	4,937	2033	1825	6,189	1815	1004	31	..	..	..	..	94,154	00	442,081	00	..	..																																												
Ohio Synod	1	6	140	26,017	20,455	6,310	740	632	1,364	1087	569	569	1,775	354	111	38	..	..	..	34,073	00	126,551	00	..	..																																												
Northwest Synod	1	11	159	21,835	15,271	14,065	1,649	25	1,064	800	347	347	2,590	383	123	26	..	..	..	17,878	00	103,868	00	..	..																																												
Potomac Synod	1	8	168	19,127	32,229	21,457	1,730	291	1,546	942	708	708	1,494	631	256	40	..	..	..	42,466	00	198,597	00	..	..																																												
German Synod of the East	1	5	67	15,266	12,559	10,476	1,929	21	810	723	53	53	1,434	322	123	11	..	..	..	8,258	00	94,491	00	..	..																																												
Central Synod	1	5	95	21,084	15,263	12,064	1,234	57	977	891	237	237	7,913	325	109	22	..	..	..	15,847	00	85,372	00	..	..																																												
Interior Synod	1	5	53	3,356	3,712	1,476	143	51	144	177	115	115	3	141	38	9	..	..	..	6,141	00	20,766	00	..	..																																												
	8	57	1077	1466	942,987	195,148	127,604	13,864	1776	11,523	8111	4174	30	5367	4126	1939	141	1642	11,976	10	123,063	51	511,181	81	1003	1484																																													

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